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Mortgage tax ceiling may go up to £35,000

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is likely to raise the limit for mortgage tax relief from £30,000 to £35,000 in the Budget next month. But he may also limit such relief to the basic rate of income tax.

The move, which would clearly signal that a General Election is imminent, would be in response to discreet pressure from Downing Street.

Four years ago, in the March 1983 Budget, Mrs Thatcher persuaded Mr Lawson's predecessor, Sir Geoffrey Howe, to raise the ceiling for tax relief on mortgage interest to £30,000 from £25,000.

The higher tax relief limit would be part of a package designed both to provide pre-election sweeteners for the voters, and also to point up the economic policy differences between the Government and the opposition parties.

This will be achieved both through cuts in the basic rate of income tax, of at least 2p in the pound, and reductions in the higher rates, probably establishing a top marginal rate of income tax of 50 per cent.

But there is also a desire in Conservative Party circles to underscore the Government's reputation as the party for home owners.

The average mortgage for the whole of the country is still below the present £30,000 limit for mortgage interest relief. But in Greater London, the average mortgage is more than £40,000 and in the rest of the South-east it is above £33,000.

Perhaps more significantly, the average mortgage for first-time buyers in Greater London rose above £30,000 last year.

It takes 9,165 hours of work to pay for an average house in Britain, according to a Nationwide Building Society survey. Page 3

Because there are wide regional variations in mortgages — ranging from an average of less than £20,000 in Yorkshire and Humberside to more than £40,000 in Greater London — the cost of raising the mortgage tax relief limit would be modest.

Treasury estimates suggest that raising the limit from £30,000 to £35,000 would cost only £100 million in the next financial year. This would be less than the £270 million saving to the Exchequer from restricting relief to the basic rate of income tax.

Economists, including Treasury officials, have argued against any raising of the mortgage tax relief ceiling, partly because it will encourage a greater diversion of funds into residential property, rather than productive investment, and partly because it is likely to accentuate regional house price disparities, which make it difficult for workers to move to prosperous parts of the country.

The possibility of limiting mortgage interest relief to the basic rate of income tax is welcomed in the Treasury. It would be consistent with a package which reduces the higher rates of income tax.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies pointed out last week that cutting top rates of tax while limiting mortgage interest relief would have the desirable effect of cutting marginal rates of tax for the better-off, while leaving the average tax take from the higher-paid little changed.

There are also substantial administrative advantages in limiting mortgage tax relief to the basic rate of income tax. Under the Inland Revenue's Miras (mortgage interest relief at source) arrangements, building societies and banks deduct tax relief at the basic rate so that the borrower's monthly repayment is net of this relief.

But any higher-rate tax relief has to be obtained by the borrower through his PAYE tax code. The system is more complicated and costly to operate because of the higher-rate reliefs, while the Miras system was intended to switch the administrative burden away from the Inland Revenue and to the building societies and banks.

Refugees let out of camps for food

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Beirut

Scores of Palestinian women and children left the Bourj al-Barajneh camp in west Beirut yesterday as lorry-loads of food entered the Rashidiyeh camp in southern Lebanon. It was a demonstration that the long-announced siege imposed by the Shia Muslim Amal militia 15 weeks ago was gradually coming to an end.

Agency reports said at least 10,000 Palestinian refugees, many gaunt from hunger, also streamed from the Rashidiyeh camp early yesterday. The exodus began at dawn after Amal announced that they could leave the camp for five hours a day to buy food and seek medical attention.

At the same time, Amal gunmen were taking positions in the strategic hilltop village of Maghdousheh in the hills east of Sidon, which was abandoned by PLO guerrillas over the weekend. The green flag of Amal and the tri-coloured banner of Hezbollah flew above the head of the huge statue of the Virgin Mary which stands above the village and overlooks two Palestinian refugee camps and the coastal road to the south.

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The lifting of the siege and the recovery of positions by Amal were overshadowed by a sudden outburst of violence in the streets of west Beirut. Amal gunmen battled for hours with forces of the Lebanese Communist Party and with some Druze militiamen.

The fighting — with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons — raised fears of a spillover of the Amal-PLO conflict. One Palestinian source inside the Chatilla refugee camp said in a telephone interview that "if things continue like this Palestinian guerillas could get out of the camp to fight against Amal".

Despite the easing of political tension over the camps war, there was no sign of any slackening of the battle for Bourj al-Barajneh during the morning. Heavy explosions from tank shells and machine-gun fire echoed over the grey mass of ruins not far from the airport road.

● **More deaths:** At least four people were killed in yesterday's fighting in west Beirut according to militia sources (Our Foriegn Staff writes).

In a separate development, unidentified men seized food belonging to a UN relief organization in south Lebanon, saying it would be taken to the Rashidiyeh camp, a UN official in Vienna said.



Mr Gemayel, the Lebanese President, arriving at the Dorchester Hotel yesterday. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Victory claimed by dissidents as Begun is freed

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Leading Jewish activists in the Soviet Union were claiming an important victory last night after the surprise disclosure by senior Soviet officials attending an international peace forum here that the best known imprisoned dissident, Mr Iosif Begun, had been released from the notorious Chistopol Prison.

The release, swiftly announced to American television viewers by Mr Georgy Arbatov, a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee and a close adviser to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, was seen as an attempt by the Kremlin to defuse world-wide criticism of its brutal handling of protests in support of Mr Begun by handful of Jews in Moscow last week.

The decision by Mr Arbatov, director of the influential USA-Canada Institute, to break the news to an American television audience before it had been published in the Soviet Union, or even relayed to the Begun family, was seen as evidence of Soviet awareness of the great harm that the unresolved case was doing to its international image.

The news that Mr Begun, who was sentenced in 1983 to seven years in prison and five more of internal exile, had been set free was broken to his wife, Inna, and son Boris, by Western reporters who had been attending the conference.

"Glory be to God, there is hope for this place yet," responded an overjoyed Mr Boris Begun, a 22-year-old correspondence student who is due to start a 15-day prison sentence himself later this week for his part in last week's Moscow demonstrations.

Mrs Begun, who also took part in the street protests when not prevented from leaving her flat by the security forces guarding it, said last night: "I have heard nothing from the Soviet authorities yet, but I do not believe that he (Arbatov) told a lie."

Mr Begun, a 56-year-old mathematician, was the father of the Soviet Hebrew Teachers' Movement and one of the most prominent dissidents during the 1970s. During his long career of protest he has been sentenced three times and has been waiting 16 years to emigrate to Israel. He was dismissed from his job at an economic research institute of the state planning committee, Gosplan, after his application to emigrate was rejected.

He then began a lengthy campaign to persuade the authorities to grant him official recognition as a Hebrew teacher. He was believed to be the last prisoner held in Chistopol under Section 70 of the criminal code covering "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation", which is now under review.



Mr Begun: Has waited 16 years to emigrate to Israel.

Britain misses new revolution

By Michael McCarthy

An historic change in the way the world economy works has taken place in the last 10 years yet has passed unnoticed in Britain, *The Times* discloses today.

As a result, Britain's post-war industrial decline is threatened with renewed acceleration.

The change concerns the role of technology in manufacturing, the ability to be first with new products and processes has gone from being a decided advantage in industrial competitiveness to the very basis of industrial existence.

This is the most important shift in the ground rules of manufacturing and has been brought about by the impetus the invention of the silicon chip has given to technological change.

Evidence published in *The Times* today shows that while it has become understood in our four main competitor countries, the United States, Japan, West Germany and France, we have failed to take the action required: the according of first importance to Research and Development.

Dr Bruce Merrifield, the US Assistant Secretary for Productivity, Technology and Innovation, says that annual expenditure of 3 per cent of a nation's output on R&D is essential for industrial survival. Since the late 1970s, the other four leading industrial nations have increased their R&D spending every year.

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The latest figures available show that Britain's gross expenditure on R&D is actually falling as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product.

Only a massive R&D effort, Dr Merrifield says, can cope with the profound changes technology is bringing to the manufacturing process itself.

The House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology produced last month a detailed report on *Civil Research and Development* calling for a complete change in British attitudes to R&D. It will be debated on Thursday.

KGB move to break up another demonstration

Despite the flood of international condemnation, including protests from the British Foreign Office and the US State Department, the KGB was in action on the streets of Moscow again yesterday, using its muscle to smash up a demonstration staged by three dissidents belonging to a group founded to foster East-West understanding (Christopher Walker writes).

I watched as the tough-looking KGB men, who had been waiting for the demonstrators for more than half an hour, pounced as soon as one of them produced a blue-and-white poster containing the group's name and a dove of peace.

The elderly man was punched and, with his two fellow protesters, taken into detention by plain-clothes men.

Ironically, the heavy-handed attack on the non-violent demonstration staged on the steps of the Manezh, the former Tsarist riding school near the Kremlin, took place as 1,000 delegates were taking part in the Kremlin-financed peace forum elsewhere in the capital.

The recent string of assaults on peaceful demonstrators has led Soviet dissidents to claim that it is a deliberate backlash by "middle-rankers" opposed to the Gorbachov reforms.

There could be no doubt that yesterday's breaking-up of the demonstration by members of the small "Group to establish trust between the USA and the USSR" was carefully organized. Some 35 KGB men were assembled around the building, now the main Moscow exhibition hall, and some were working from an office inside.

Hattersley tries to 'devalue' tax cuts

By Our Political Editor

The Labour Party has launched a campaign to devalue what it is convinced will be a giveaway Budget on March 17, by depicting tax cuts as irresponsible and the mark of an "uncaring" Government.

In a speech yesterday to the annual general meeting of the right-wing Labour Solidarity Campaign, Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's shadow Chancellor, said that the question which would dominate the run-up to the Budget and general election campaign was why, if Mr Nigel Lawson had £3 billion to spare, he should use it to reduce taxes.

Mr Hattersley has committed Labour to vote against income tax cuts and reverse them in power.

Claiming that the Chancellor's readiness to make tax cuts showed that the funds were there to support Labour plans to reduce unemployment, Mr Hattersley said: "He knows that tax cuts are the least effective way of creating jobs. He knows that tax cuts are the least efficient way of providing improved education and health services. He knows that tax cuts will only make our balance of trade worse".

Emphasizing that the £6 billion unemployment reduction package and the £3.6 billion anti-poverty programme were the only two items to which Labour was firmly committed during its first two years in office and that they had set a "prudent ceiling" on extra borrowing, Mr Hattersley claimed that the Government preferred tax cuts to higher pensions, better child benefit or lower unemployment.

Mr Hattersley's speech, one of many planned by senior Labour spokesmen on similar lines, reflects the party's nervousness in the face of a Conservative campaign designed to depict it as an irresponsible opposition with a huge list of spending commitments.

Ministers insist that full implementation of Labour's policies would cost £28 billion in a full year, which would involve raising income tax to 53p in the pound.

A new Conservative pamphlet said yesterday: "Labour intends to raise taxes on the top 5 per cent of the population — the so-called rich. This would hit people earning around £24,500 per annum, as well as married couples with a combined income of £24,500.

"Typical examples of the losers would include a police sergeant married to a bank clerk or a scale two teacher married to a computer programmer".

Argyll near to US sale

Argyll, the drinks and supermarkets group headed by Mr James Gulliver, is expected to announce the sale of its American operations later this week (Our City Editor writes).

The group's US subsidiary — Barton Brands — markets and distributes imported wines, beers and spirits.

Last April, Argyll failed to acquire Distillers, the Scotch whisky manufacturer, in the £2.7 billion takeover battle won by Guinness and now under investigation.

In a separate development, Mr Anthony Tennant, deputy group chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, and the man tipped to succeed the deposed Mr Ernest Saunders as chief executive of Guinness, flew back from the United States at the weekend, widely expected to accept the position. Details, page 19

BBC threatened with blank screen

'Tebbit wins subtitles fight

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, has been in conflict again with the BBC and this time emerged as the clear winner after threatening to let the BBC carry a blank screen for the 10 minutes of a party political broadcast.

Mr Tebbit, who takes an interest in charities for the hard of hearing, had determined that the Conservative Party political broadcast due to be screened on February 25 should carry subtitles for the deaf in the version to be screened on BBC2. But the BBC said that the broadcast would break the rules which insist that party political broadcasts must be the same on all channels and refused to carry it or to print details in the *Radio Times*.

The Conservatives had discussed the idea of subtitles with the BBC for months before and been told that it could only be done on Ceefax or Oracle at two months' notice. They were astonished that after they had had the sub-titles produced at their own expense they were not welcomed, as a spokesman put it, "with open arms".

During a series of heated phone calls which went as far as the office of the director-general they were told that they could not use sub-titles without the consent of the other parties and that that could not be obtained in time.

Mr Tebbit and his team countered by threatening that they were supplying the broadcast complete with sub-titles and that if the BBC refused to use it they would let it carry a blank screen instead. Meanwhile they intended to write to all the deaf organizations informing them of the situation.

Yesterday, when asked about the dispute, the BBC denied all knowledge of any row and said: "The Conservative Party wanted to subtitle the BBC 2 party political broadcast for February 25. Since this was an innovation for party political broadcasts, the BBC informed the other parties and it was agreed that from now BBC 2 party political broadcasts could be subtitled if the parties so wish.

Mr Michael Dobbs, Mr Tebbit's chief of staff at Central Office, said last night: "There should not have been any row. We did not accept that the other parties had a veto on the content of our broadcast. We have now got exactly what we wanted. Indeed, the BBC has gone even further. It has come up with the sensible suggestion of an inquiry to see how they can be put into Ceefax and Oracle in a timescale which all parties find acceptable."

Reclusive Reagan isolates himself from press

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan has virtually disappeared from public view, emerging occasionally for photographic opportunities and prepared speeches but otherwise remaining isolated and unavailable in his private quarters inside the White House.

He has promised to return to a full work schedule soon but questions are being asked about his health and state of mind.

Mrs Nancy Reagan seems to have assumed full control over his appointments and has given explicit instructions that he must be left alone to recuperate from prostate surgery six weeks ago.

Mr Reagan has given only three press conferences since June. He has granted hardly any interviews for months. Since the Iran-Contra connection was revealed nearly three months ago he has not held one session with journalists. Never in his political career has he gone so long without making himself available to the press.

Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief-of-staff, has ordered an end to the time-honoured practice of journalists being able to question President Reagan at White House photo sessions. Mrs Reagan was primarily responsible for the decision.

It was left to Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, to announce the change on Friday. The White House press corps, already exasperated by lack of access to Mr Reagan, protested loudly. Mr Fitzwater said the President would "answer questions when he's ready".

The move ends what has become the only opportunity for journalists to question the President, other than shouting questions at him when he crosses the White House lawn to board his helicopter.

Mr Fitzwater said that reporters' access to Mr Reagan had been limited because of the surgery. The President would answer questions when the doctors said there were no restrictions on his activities.

The decision shows that Mr Reagan apparently has no immediate intention of ending his long period of isolation. On Capitol Hill there is considerable concern that the Iran afair has taken a heavy physical and emotional toll on the President, who has just turned 76.

Some White House insiders say he is often irritable and sometimes seems preoccupied with private thoughts. He is said to be confused and hurt that his exceptional popularity vanished so suddenly.

As Mr Reagan walked to his helicopter on Friday night, reporters asked if there had been a cover-up over Iran. He waved his arms and said: "No, no, no."

He was asked why he would not talk to the press. "I've been working with the New York Giants," he replied, a reference to a just-finished photo session with this year's Super Bowl football winners.

In another example of Mr Reagan's isolation, the White House refused to allow reporters and photographers to record a meeting he held with welfare experts on Friday.

Mr Reagan has launched important initiatives in recent weeks on "catastrophic" health insurance, reforms of the welfare system and on economic competitiveness but he has not made himself available for questioning on any

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Threat to Labour in Greenwich

The Greenwich by-election is developing into a crucial contest which may have an important bearing on the timing of the general election.

For all the parties there is much at stake with 10 days to go before polling.

There are rumours in the south London constituency of an Alliance bandwagon that threatens to storm this traditional Labour stronghold Page 2

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Ban deplored

John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, has condemned the decision by Hackney Council to ban professional boxing in the borough Page 32

Visa trouble

The Polish Embassy has refused to grant visas to two English hockey players, apparently because of the players' occupations. Page 32

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NFC soars

Shareholders of the National Freight Corporation, which was privatized five years ago, were told that their original investment of £1 was now worth £4! Page 19

Bitter sweet

The Kremlin's anti-alcohol drive has pushed up the price of sugar because the Russians have switched to soft drinks, inflating demand for the commodity Page 19

Portfolio Gold

● **The weekly prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — £16,000 because there was no winner the previous week — was shared by four readers. Two readers shared Saturday's £4,000 daily prize. Details page 3.**
● **There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 18.**

London results

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NEWS SUMMARY

Three injured as police open fire

A suspected armed robber and two women customers were injured when Royal Ulster Constabulary men opened fire on a gang of masked men holding up staff and customers in Scruples Steak House, Bradbury Place, Belfast, early yesterday.

The man was later said to be seriously ill in hospital with a chest wound. One woman customer was described as ill and the other was severely shocked after her head was grazed by a bullet. Police recovered two replica guns. They are still looking for several people.

The men entered the restaurant through a rear door and ushered all staff and customers into the kitchens, but the police, thought to have been alerted by a clandestine alarm, arrived within moments.

NUJ last to settle

The decision by the National Union of Journalists to formally end its year-long dispute with News International makes it the last union to settle with the company at Wapping.

The national executive committee's vote came after similar decisions by the print unions Sogat '82, the National Graphical Association and the engineering union.

But the executive upheld £1,000 fines imposed on 95 News International journalists for crossing picket lines at the company's east London plant, where *The Times* is published.

News International has confirmed that 32 journalists who refused to move to Wapping will qualify for termination payments.

Bruno's pay claim

Frank Bruno, the British world heavyweight championship contender, is suing Century Hutchinson over payment of royalties for his book, *Frank Bruno — Know What I Mean?*

MrBruno, aged 24, has issued a High Court writ claiming £18,333, the last of three instalments said to be still owing.

He says the publishers agreed to pay £55,000 by instalments last June for exclusive world publication rights of the book.

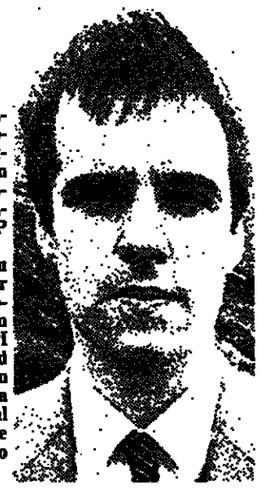
Woman cost title

East Anglia University is to be stripped of its Norfolk basketball championship title just days after winning it, because a woman played in the team.

The county secretary, Laura Milbourne, said a letter had been sent to all Norfolk clubs saying the university would lose its crown and the title would be transferred to the runners-up, CS Dock Tavern, of Great Yarmouth.

The university said itwas aware a rule had been broken.

Liberal defender



Mr Matthew Taylor, selected as prospective Liberal/Alliance parliamentary candidate for Truro on Saturday, paid tribute yesterday to Mr David Penhaligon, the city's MP killed in a car crash.

Mr Taylor, aged 24, an economic policy researcher to the Parliamentary Liberal Party, who lives in Hayle, Cornwall, said: "I think that what swayed people over was that when David was elected he was a young man with potential and he offered hope for the future. I think my appeal to the party was the same."

Public tough on rape

Two-thirds of adults believe the minimum sentence for rape should be 10 years and a quarter think it should be 20 years, according to a National Opinion Poll survey.

Working class respondents wanted longer sentences and Conservatives were less punitive; 32 per cent of Labour supporters called for 20-year sentences or more.

Eighty two per cent disagreed with the judge in the Ealing vicarage burglary and rape case, who gave shorter sentences to the rapists than the gang leader.

● Lord Hooson, a former Liberal MP, said on Saturday that the sentences in the vicarage rape case had been right but had produced an understandable public protest starting a very dangerous bandwagon calling for retribution.

Irish election heading for photo finish

By Richard Ford

Voters go to the polls in the Irish Republic tomorrow with the prospect of a photo finish as a lacklustre campaign ended with further erosion of support for Fianna Fail, the heavily tipped favourites.

A clear win by Dr Garret FitzGerald in the television debate with Mr Charles Haughey has transformed the sombre mood within Fine Gael to one where they believe the opposition can be prevented from obtaining an overall majority in the next Dáil.

That prospect has unsettled Fianna Fail, and Mr Haughey appeared on the defensive yesterday when he urged people to ensure that the result did not result in a hung Dáil.

Dr FitzGerald has urged his supporters to give their second preference vote under the nation's proportional representation system to the newly-formed Progressive Democrats. He said they were an alternative government to Fianna Fail, which he believed would not get an overall majority.

Dr FitzGerald said that he wanted to remain prime minister (Taoiseach) for a further three years to help to improve the nation's economy and see the full benefits grow from the Anglo-Irish agreement. He knows that only with the Progressive Democratss can he hope to form another government.

Yesterday, at an American-style rally, Mr Desmond O'Malley, leader of the Progressive Democrats, said that his party's aim was to hold the balance of power. But he insisted there had been no pre-election deal with anyone.

He refused to give a directive to his party or its supporters as to how they should cast their second and other preferences and left open whether they would join, or simply support, a government if there is no administration with an overall majority.

Mr Haughey described the prime minister's advice to Fine Gael supporters to give their transfers to the PDs as "grasping at straws". "It seems to me they are looking round now for somebody else to embrace in a kiss-of-death situation. It is arithmetically impossible for the PDs and Fine Gael to get an overall majority."

Mr Haughey was clearly unhappy at having to answer questions on the Anglo-Irish agreement and twice insisted that he would say nothing more on a subject tghat has brought embarrassment in the final stages of the campaign.

He insisted that Fianna Fail was satisfied from canvass returns that it was going to get an overall majority. But the less-than-ecstatic faces around him indicate that the renowned party machine will redouble its efforts in the last 24 hours to ensure he can form an administration without having to argue for support with minority parties.

The latest opinion poll shows a further drop in support for Fianna Fail, which is down to 45 per cent, with a surge for Fine Gael to 30 per cent and a drop of 1 per cent to 13 per cent for the Progressive Democrats.

Questioning for the poll, published in yesterday's *Sunday Independent*, took place after last Thursday's debate, and showed Dr FitzGerald ahead of Mr Haughey by 41 to 40 per cent as the man favoured as prime minister.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The Anglo-Irish agreement has, at least until the last few days, played no more than a small part in the Irish election campaign. But the outcome of the election tomorrow may have a considerable effect on the future of the agreement.

If Mr Charles Haughey returns to power at the head of a Fianna Fail administration there is bound to be a question mark against it. This is not because the British Government would have any reservations about co-operating with a man whose reputation on North-South relations inspires little confidence.

Ineffective though the agreement has been in reconciling the two communities in Northern Ireland, it has been very successful in reconciling international opinion to British policy in the province. No British Government would readily incur the odium of simply tearing it up.

It is the nature of Mr Haughey's commitment to the agreement that raises the doubts. Originally he opposed it. But now he indicates that he would respect the agreement as an international treaty.

None the less, the Fianna Fail election manifesto states quite specifically that "it cannot accept the constitutional aspects of the Anglo-Irish Agreement". Mr Haughey objects to Article 1, which declares that any change in the status of Northern Ireland would come about only with the consent of the majority of the people there, and recognizes that the present wish is for no change.

Inconceivable to change Article 1

This article, he believes, conflicts with the claim in the constitution of the republic to sovereignty over the whole of Ireland.

If the Irish government were to ask for the agreement to be reviewed British ministers could hardly refuse to talk. But it is inconceivable that the British Government could accept any change in Article 1. The agreement as it stands takes all too little account of Protestant sensitivity. To remove or amend the one article that does offer specific reassurance would be gross folly.

Mr Haughey might decide to maintain the agreement without amending it, but without showing any enthusiasm for it either. Yet that would be self-defeating.

The essence of the agreement is that it gives the Irish government the opportunity to influence decisions which remain the prerogative of the British Government in the North. If the Irish were half-hearted they would carry much less weight. The agreement would atrophy, with meetings of the conference becoming less frequent and less significant.

It seems more likely, though, that Mr Haughey would seek to extract the maximum advantage from the agreement without either accepting Article 1 or actively trying to renegotiate it. In his television debate with Dr Garret FitzGerald last Thursday he wriggled away from any commitment to re-negotiation.

Bargain enshrined in agreement

But once again he declared unequivocally: "We do not accept the constitutional implications of Article 1 because in our view it is wrong in principle to afford to Britain sovereignty over any part of this country".

Such calculated contradictions may or may not be good electoral politics. But as a basis for dealing with the problems of Northern Ireland they would be absurd in principle and dangerous in practice.

For the Irish government to try to operate vigorously an agreement which it believed to be unconstitutional would be ridiculous. For the British Government to acquiesce in any appearance of weakening the constitutional safeguard in the agreement would inevitably further enflame Protestant anxieties in the North.

This is no mere textual wrangle over detail. The agreement enshrines a bargain: that the republic should have a greater chance of affecting decisions in the North in return for accepting the reality of partition. The weakness of the arrangement is that this acceptance is not so absolute as to reassure the Protestants.

But if the Irish government were no longer to subscribe even to the safeguards in the treaty then to my mind the British Government would be right to conclude that the agreement itself had been destroyed.

Army staffed by mediocre officers, says ex-general

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

A damaging accusation by one of Britain's most formidable military commanders that the British Army is saddled with too many old and "mediocre" senior officers who would be incapable of taking command in a war, is threatening to embarrass the Government's position on conventional defence in the lead-up to the election.

General Sir Frank Kitson, former Commander-in-Chief of United Kingdom Land Forces, who retired 18 months ago, makes his outspoken attack on former colleagues in *Warfare as a Whole*, his latest book.

As an added source of embarrassment for the Ministry of Defence, Sir Frank plans to publish it without letting Whitehall read it first.

He is on holiday in Kenya but yesterday Mr Matthew Evans, chairman of Faber and Faber, the publishers, said that Sir Frank had not given the book to the ministry because he felt it would try to delay it. It is due to be published on March 9.

Mr Evans said: "There is nothing in the book that breaches the Official Secrets Act, although it is obviously politically sensitive".

The general, he said, was a controversial figure in the ministry establishment. "Sir Frank wanted it published so that it would be part of the defence debate during the election time."

Sir Frank, who is an acknowledged expert in counter-insurgency, aims his most cutting comments at the ministry's system which, he claims, allows senior staff officers to win promotion based on age not qualifications, just to keep them in employment. That denied advancement for younger, more able officers.

He writes: "Ageing officers have had to be found employment, more staff jobs have had to be invented to cater for them: they would be too old to stay in units. Age has become a key factor in promotion."

He says that people "with little genuine military understanding go on moving up through successive ranks purely on the basis of their administrative ability".

Sir Frank also gives a devastating indictment of the shortcomings in the Army's ability to defend the United Kingdom.

He says: "The most obvious weakness is the overall shortage of manpower and the poor state of preparation of most of the forces that would be available. If nothing is done, either to get more resources or to save on current commitments, the defences of the United Kingdom will become progressively less effective."

Mr George Foulkes, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs, said yesterday: "It appears to me, on reading the book, that the revelations in it are potentially far more damaging than anything that has been pinpointed in recent instances".

● The Conservatives plan to launch a huge cost-cutting drive within the Ministry of Defence if they win the next election, it was disclosed yesterday (Nicholas Wood writes).

Ministers say they are appalled by the waste, inefficiency and duplication of effort but have held back from taking action now for fear of precipitating political controversy in the election run-up.

They believe that many jobs being done by service personnel could readily be switched to civilians at lower salary levels.



Michael Gambon, the actor, at the BAFTA awards nominations ceremony in London yesterday with another awards nominee, Patricia Hodge (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

BBC halts 'glorifying' IRA film

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The BBC has postponed showing a thriller about the infiltration of the Irish Republican Army by security forces to eliminate scenes glorifying the IRA and denigrating the security authorities.

Internal BBC guidelines were broken when producers failed to clear the script for the five-part *Crossfire* series with the BBC head in Northern Ireland, according to official sources in London and Belfast.

Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television, delayed transmission after receiving a complaint from Mr James Hawthorne, controller of BBC Northern Ireland, sources said.

Mr Hawthorne presented a list of complaints, singling out the fourth episode for particular criticism and expressing concern about the fifth.

He said the fourth episode portrayed the IRA as an intelligent, honourable and romantic organization, while showing the Royal Ulster Constabulary as cynical, unprofessional and panicky.

He also said he had received cassettes of the almost-finished series three weeks ago, and had not been consulted from the inception of the series, as required.

At no time has the BBC consulted the Government about the programme, or received official or unofficial representation from outside the corporation, it was emphasized.

Crossfire was produced by the BBC drama department in London. The series was written by John O'Neill and produced by Ron Craddock under the overall authority of the head of BBC Drama, Mr Jonathan Powell, and director of programmes, Mr Michael Grade.

'Act on Whitehall Militants' call

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister will be urged today to act over a list naming 269 Civil Servants said to be either Militant Tendency activists or sympathizers.

Mr Kenneth Warren, chairman of the all-party Commons Trade and Industry Committee, said last night that he would be writing to Mrs Thatcher as head of the security services calling on her to mount an inquiry into the activities and affiliations of those named.

He said the existence of the dossier raised serious doubts about the procedures for vetting Civil Servants on security grounds, and called for immediate checks

Mr Warren, Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, said any Civil Servant in a sensitive post found to have links with the Trotskyite organization should be transferred or dismissed.

He said he had seen the list, which gives names, addresses, departments and union branches, and had no doubts about its authenticity.

It is understood Sir Marcus Fox, vice-chairman of the backbench Tory 1922 committee, has written to Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, calling for a review of the Radcliffe rules, which proscribe members of the Communist Party and fascist organizations from holding important posts within the Whitehall machine.

He is being supported by moderate leaders of the Civil and Public Servants Association, the biggest of the Whitehall unions.

● The Alliance promised yesterday to restore the independence of the Civil Service and to end its "political abuse" by the Conservatives.

It committed itself to restoring trade union rights at GCHQ, and to opening talks on including Whitehall unions in a new pay review machinery covering the public sector, and the setting up of new government departments.

Marconi investigation ordered by ministry

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence has ordered a thorough examination of recent big defence contracts awarded to the Marconi group of companies after allegations by a former senior employee about pricing and profits.

A special investigations squad from the Ministry of Defence police has been examining all the paperwork involved in the contracts. No one at Marconi has yet been questioned.

Marconi, a subsidiary of GEC Avionics, is working on the controversial Zircon spy satellite project and was involved in the long-running programme to fit an acceptable Nimrod early warning radar system which was scrapped by the Government last December at a cost to the taxpayer of nearly £1 billion.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday: "Certain allegations have been made against Marconi and they are under full examination. The MoD police are currently looking at the books."

All contracts for new equipment are negotiated and monitored by the MoD's defence procurement executive.

Strikers go back at BBC

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

A few BBC electricians have begun crossing picket lines, easing the pressure on television news that has been building during a seven-week strike by colleagues seeking a 20 per cent pay rise.

At the same time, the strike by 550 members of the EETPU appeared to be biting into several big drama productions. The £6 million production of John Le Carre's *A Perfect Spy* appears certain to lose its place on the BBC's autumn schedule.

Mr Harry Hughes, entertainment industry organizer of the EETPU, acknowledged that his members may now have lost as much in wages as they stand to gain if the BBC accepts demands for a 20 per cent pay increase. But he said the strike was over "a matter of principle".

● A third teaching union is to ballot its members on their willingness to strike in protest against the Government's plan to impose a settlement to the teachers' pay dispute in England and Wales.

The 75-strong executive of the traditionally moderate Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association decided unanimously at the weekend to recommend its 89,000 members in state schools to strike for half a day early in March.

Strike ballots have already been ordered by the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

● Air traffic cotrollers have voted to turn down a package of productivity improvements from the Civil Aviation Authority, and have agreed to hold a ballot for industrial action unless the proposals are "modified or withdrawn".

● Barclays Bank will today respond to union pay claims which would amount to 20 per cent for the lowest paid grades.

Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster, which comprise the Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers, have offered the 157,000 union members a rise of 4 per cent from April after the payment of £125 and £175 to restore differentials between some of their clerical grades.

● The £14.000 million Selby coalfield complex in Yorkshire will stop work today.

The 3,000 NUM members voted unanimously on Saturday to strike for a week in protest about the loss of bonus payments.

Less than half back the tunnel

By Our Transport Correspondent

A recent public opinion poll shows that fewer than half the people support the building of the Channel tunnel, nevertheless, the number of supporters exceeds the number of opponents.

The poll, conducted for the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE), shows that of more than 1,000 people surveyed, 44 per cent supported the construction of a rail tunnel link between Britain and France, 40 per cent opposed it and "don't knows" accounted for 16 per cent.

It also shows that opposition to the project is stronger in the South-east than in other regions, with 47 per cent opposing the tunnel and 40 per cent supporting it.

There is a high level of concern about the impact of the tunnel on the environment, with 81 per cent of respondents in the South-east believing there has not been enough public discussion about its impact.

Of the national sample, 62 per cent believe that the project will increase the concentration of development in the South-east, and 66 per cent express concern at the Government's decision not to hold a public inquiry.

There appears to be little fear of a direct physical link with France, however, for only 42 per cent of the sample supported the view that "the idea of Britain as an island nation will suffer because of the Channel tunnel," while 48 per cent opposed it; 52 per cent, however, thought that the concentration of vehicles would constitute a hazard.

The poll, which was conducted by Social Surveys earlier this month, has been sent to the Prime Minister.

Greenwich by-election

Alliance threat is growing

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

With 10 days campaigning to go, the Greenwich by-election is building up into a crucial contest which could have an important influence on the timing of the next general election.

Doorstep indications of a gathering SDP/Liberal Alliance bandwagon which could put at risk a seat held by Labour for more than 50 years await confirmation from an opinion poll with a convincing sample size.

But while Labour and Conservative campaigners are dismissing such talk as a successful hype by the SDP on the basis of what they regard as the flimsiest of evidence, seasoned psephologists believe they see all the signs.

All three parties are planning a drive on the constituency this week, with further visits from the Alliance leaders, appearances by both Neil and Glenys Kinnock for Labour, along with Denis Healey, and a string of visiting senior ministers for the Conservatives.

Greenwich, a Thameside borough with some fine Georgian terraces, the Royal Observatory and the National Maritime Museum, should be natural Labour territory at this time.

It was last won by the Conservatives in 1935 and it was held by the late Guy Barnett from 1971 until his death on Christmas Eve. Although his majority steadily diminished, the 1,211 margin at the last election does not really represent Labour's hold on a seat which has a much larger proportion of council tenants than the average and unemployment at 12 per cent.

But two things have happened to put Labour's continued tenure at risk: the first is the choice of Miss Deirdre Wood, a former GLC councillor and left-wing member of the Inner London Education Authority, as Labour's candidate, the second is the increased sophistication of the British electorate in using the tactical vote.

Miss Wood is not the dragon she has been made out to be in some sections of the press. Certainly as packaged at her morning conferences she appears no extremist.

But on such litmus tests as support for invitations to Sinn Fein delegations to visit London and for councils defying the law over rate capping she is clearly well to the left of the Kinnock leadership and the label has stuck with the electors.

The combination of Mr Kinnock's image polishing of his party and the efforts of the other Greenwich contestants

● A Labour loss would be a disaster for party morale ●

have made Miss Wood a issue if not *the* issue in the by-election.

The Conservative candidate, Mr John Antcliffe, aged 25, is a Greenwich councillor who knows his local bus routes and is rarely stumped for an adequate holding answer on national policy issues.

But as a corporate finance manager with Rothschilds he is not helped by current alarums about the state of the City and the doorstep evidence is that people blame government cuts more than they do the Labour-controlled Greenwich council for the depressing state of much of the borough's housing.

Mr Antcliffe is having to struggle to stop Tory votes slipping away to the Alliance as the best tactical means of getting Labour out.

For the Alliance Mrs Rosie Barnes, aged 41, has had all the luck so far in this campaign, with a January poll showing her trailing at 15 to 25 per cent behind the Tories, then a BBC *Newsnight* poll cutting the margin and a much-disputed although well-publicized telephone recall poll of only 270 respondents putting her in a clear second place at 31 per cent to Labour's falling 43 and the Tories' 25.

Mrs Barnes, a friendly doorstep performer who positively exudes cheery common sense, is making no bones about pitching herself as the moderate between two extremes, and never mind too much about the policy. The question for her is whether she has the time to overtake Labour.

For all the parties there is much at stake in Greenwich. For the Alliance, a win or even a good second place will confirm a revival.

What is more, if they can win a seat from Labour in the inner cities they will destroy the main argument the Conservatives mean to use against them at the general election — that they have failed to hit Labour as they have hit the Tories and that a vote for the Alliance is likely to let Labour in.

For Labour the loss of such a bastion would be a disaster to party morale and would raise questions about the national appeal of Mr Kinnock's leadership.

As for the Conservatives, placed as they should be to challenge in Greenwich at a time when the opinion polls show them back in the lead nationally, a third place in Greenwich would scotch much of the excited talk about an early election.

General election: G.Barnett (Lab) 15,561, A.Rolfe (C) 12,150, T.Ford (SDP Lib) 9,783, I.Dell (BNP) 259, B.Mallone (Fellowship) 242, F.Hooks (Comm) 149; Lab maj: 3,411.

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Businesses asked for cash to fund anti-crime fight

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

New techniques for reducing crime, now being tried out in five towns with Home Office backing, are expected to be introduced throughout England and Wales with the aid of private funding, when the experiment ends in the summer.

Home Office financing will end at the same time. But already the Hanson Trust has seconded an executive to raise money from businesses for more widespread crime prevention and the National Westminster Bank has given £10,000 towards the cost of making the homes of old people secure.

Businesses are helping to improve their local communities by sponsoring neighbourhood watch schemes; by helping with property-marking schemes so that if stolen, items can be identified and by giving employees advice on home security and how to avoid violent crime.

The Home Office would like firms with a strong base in a community to go further and help with the provision of both home security and amenities in the neighbourhood.

The argument being used to businesses by the Home Office is that the costs of dealing with crime are reflected in their rates and taxes. Businesses cannot easily thrive in areas which are disfigured by petty damage and broken windows and where people are frightened to go to public places by night.

With the end of the five experiments, the involvement of businesses and commerce will be considered even more necessary. The aim is to begin a nationwide drive to prevent crime, using techniques that have been developed in the experiments.

Projects will be open to funding by local authorities, private firms or the police to provide the salaries of project co-ordinators.

An area in North Tyneside chosen as one of the experimental areas for crime reduction has already experienced a drop in offences. Residential burglaries are down by 19 per cent, burglaries in buildings other than dwellings have fallen by 55 per cent, criminal damage by 20 per cent and theft of motor vehicles by 23 per cent. Theft from vehicles increased by more than 30 per cent but that compared with 55 per cent in the surrounding area.

Nine housing blocks, built only in 1968, which once housed 2,680 people, are to be demolished. Police say they became less and less desirable to live in. Burglaries, criminal damage and graffiti have helped to finish them off. Only 40 tenants are now left.

As the blocks decayed, many of the original tenants moved out. Those who moved in did not have the same sense of community allegiance. As the population became transitory, people who lived there felt isolated and unable to trust neighbours they did not know. Fear of crime was strong. They were frightened to use the multi-storey car park adjoining the blocks.

The changes planned could set a pattern for the rest of Britain. The nine blocks of six and 10 storeys are to be replaced with homes in buildings of no more than three storeys high in which there will be the chance to incorporate the latest ideas on crime prevention and security as part of the design.

One of the aims will be to have the rebuilt homes protected against a new type of crime by "hole in the wall gangs" – thieves who go in through the wall at its weakest point.



Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, relaxed and smiling on a weekend farm visit in Cumbria, showed no signs of suffering from the effects of a long political week which started with an unprecendented call for his resignation by the National Farmers' Union.

Mr Jopling, who has been branded the most unpopular minister for agriculture in memory for his efforts to reduce EEC beef and dairy production surpluses and his plans to open farmland to developers, visited Mr John Dunning at his farm in Orton.

Today Mr Jopling will be moving even further away from the firing line as he leaves for the Soviet Union where he will officially open Brit Agro Prod '87, the second all-British agricultural exhibition to be held in the Soviet Union.

Later on the five-day visit he will meet senior Soviet agriculture ministers and officials.

While Mr Jopling is away police are expected to start a Whitehall investigation to find who leaked details of the Government's new farm policy before the minister could present it to a mass meeting of farmers.

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Portfolio Gold

Winnings headed for unit trusts

Mr Gerald Ward, an information systems specialist, plans to start an investment portfolio of his own with his share of the weekly Portfolio Gold dividend.

Mr Ward, aged 42, of Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire, is one of four readers who each receive a £4,000 share of the £16,000 prize.

He said: "I plan to start a portfolio of my own, which seems appropriate. At the moment I am looking to split the money into batches of £500 to invest in unit trusts, but I may also buy a few shares."

Mr Ward, who is single, has been a reader of *The Times* for many years and has played the Portfolio game regularly.

Mr Eric Harper, aged 35, of Caversham, Berkshire, also wins £4,000. Mr Harper, who is married with one child and whose wife is expecting another, said: "We will probably have a holiday and do some work on the house".

Mr Harper, a software engineer, has been a reader of *The Times* for two years and has played Portfolio Gold since the game started.

Mr Michael Gurney, aged 32, who works in financial advertising, also plans a holiday with his £4,000 prize.

Mr Gurney, who is married with one son and lives in Clapham, south-west London, has been a reader of *The Times* for about 10 years.

The fourth reader who wins £4,000 is Mr Peter Halliday, of East Molesey, Surrey.

Two readers share Saturday's daily prize of £4,000, each receiving £2,000.

Miss Julia von Groote, aged 13, of Northwood, north-west London, plans to save her prize money in her bank account. She said: "I was very suprised to win".

Mrs E. Phillips, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, also receives £2,000.

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The Times
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BB1 6AJ.



Mr Gurney plans to take a holiday.

Action on Aids

TB test in schools could spread virus

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A tuberculosis test widely used in Britain's schools could result in the transmission of Aids among children, according to Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on health.

He has written to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, asking for the withdrawal of Heaf gun tuberculin tests because the Department of Health and Social Services was unable to give him an unequivocal guarantee that the Aids virus could not be transmitted by that method.

Mr Meacher says that all pupils aged 13 are targeted for the test, which determines if they need immunization against tuberculosis, and 80 per cent are tested each year, almost all by the Heaf method.

In his letter he says: "The Heaf gun consists of a non-disposable head, with six solid needles or prongs which pierce the skin to a depth of approximately one millimetre. This means that the tiny blood vessels just under the skin can be and are pierced."

Mr Meacher says that parents are concerned that the Heaf gun head is not replaced between tests, and that their concern is natural considering the Government's emphasis on the need for doctors, nurses and drug addicts to use single, sterile disposable needles in the fight against Aids.

Mr Meacher calls for a change to the alternative, more expensive Mantoux tuberculin test, which uses a sterile syringe that is disposed of after use on a single patient.

"It seems to me that in the absence of a foolproof guarantee, schoolchildren should be treated in the same way chest clinic patients already are – by the Mantoux test."

He urges Mr Fowler to give an unequivocal guarantee that the Aids virus cannot be transmitted by the Heaf gun, or else to withdraw it.

● A clear majority of the public now supports the advertising of contraceptives on television, according to a poll conducted for the Independent Broadcasting Authority (Jonathan Miller writes).

The poll showed 67 per cent favour the broadcasting of commercials for condoms and other contraceptive products. A poll taken in December 1984, before Aids became a matter of public concern, showed that 56 per cent supported contraceptive advertising.

The results are likely to be influential. This week the IBA is expected to take the first steps towards relaxing its ban on contraceptive advertising.

Health officials believe that permitting the brand-name advertising of condoms could play a significant role in slowing the spread of Aids.

Standards suffering says BMA

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association has warned the Government that consultants are finding it impossible to maintain standards of patient care, because of the financial squeeze on acute services.

Mr Paddy Ross, chairman of the BMA's Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, has written to Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, protesting that consultants are faced with treating an increasing number of acutely ill patients with diminishing resources, as money is transferred to other areas such as community care.

"Beds are being temporarily closed with a view to meeting budgetary targets and the acute sector is under severe pressure from having beds blocked by acute geriatric cases or the convalescent elderly," Mr Ross said. That was exacerbated by a steady reduction in acute beds with no accompanying increase in geriatric beds.

"While the funds allocated to the waiting list problem are obviously helpful in the general area of patient management, it is difficult to see how they will assist with this specific dilemma," he said. Paradoxically, it would increase the pressures on acute beds, he said.

The letter is the second from the BMA to the Government during the past 12 months, underlining the crisis.

In his letter Mr Ross says that Mr Newton's recent statements, that there was little evidence that the acute sector had been significantly squeezed, are hard to reconcile with the picture at local level.

Freedom of information

MPs back secret file access

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

More than 100 MPs from all parties are now backing a private member's Bill to be debated this week which would give individuals a right to inspect files kept on them by public authorities, employers and professionals.

There is mounting support, particularly among Conservatives: 50 Conservatives are now backing the Bill and the Government has not indicated so far that it will formally oppose it.

The Access To Personal Files Bill is backed by the Campaign for Freedom of Information.

It would enable people to see and correct their own, or their children's, medical, educational, housing, employment, social work, building society, bank, credit and other records held on them on paper.

The Government has already conceded the principle of a right of access to personal files in the Data Protection Act 1984, a right to come into force in November, but this only covers files kept on computer.

But unofficially it is concerned at the possible cost implications of a Bill as widely drawn as this one is.

Mr Steve Norris, Conservative MP for Oxford East, and one of the Bill's backers, said: "This is the classic way for Civil Servants to block anything they don't like; ministers are told that there are big cost implications".

Current negotiations between government officials and MPs this week are likely to be critical as to how much of the Bill survives on Thursday at its second reading debate.

It looks likely that the Government will concede access to local authority files but may draw the line at central government files.

The Bill's supporters argue that with the coming into force of the right of access to computer files in November, there will be inconsistency if a similar right is not also extended to manual filing systems.

Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, the Bill's sponsor, said that apart from the principle that people should be able to see and correct data held on them, access would be a vital safeguard against mistakes.

These can lead to unjust decisions, he says. Medical records have often been found to have high levels of error. Some studies of patients shown their notes disclosed that 50 per cent or more found it necessary to make corrections or additions.

● All patients should have a right to a second opinion, have access to their own medical records, and be informed of all aspects of their condition, the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales says (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

In a seventeen-point *Patients' Charter* which will be presented to MPs today the association says that patients should be able to choose whether to participate in research trials.

Patients' Charter: Guidelines for Good Practice. (ACHCEW, c/o Nurses Home, Langton Close, Wren Street, London WC1; 50p).

More aim at home ownership

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

A survey of home ownership in Europe indicates an increasingly important role for owner occupation which will support further house price rises, according to the Nationwide Building Society.

It concludes that in the UK in particular, prices are unlikely to fall much, if at all, in the foreseeable future because of the continued highly favourable financial regime for house owners and because home ownership is regarded as a highly desirable goal. Taking statistics for 1984, the latest year for which figures are available, the survey shows prices fell only in Belgium and The Netherlands. Elsewhere the increase ranged from 4 per cent in Greece and the Irish Republic to 7 per cent in France, 9 per cent in Britain and Denmark.

The survey compared the number of hours the average worker has to spend to buy an average family house. In 1984 it would take a UK worker 9,165 hours (an increase of 4.7 per cent between 1982 and 1984), about half way up the European table.

● A converted broom cupboard, 5½ft by 11ft with a 2½ft-square lavatory and shower room, in Princes Court, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, is being sold for £36,500. Mr Thomas Torney, Labour MP for Bradford South, said he will raise this "new lunacy in the London property market" in the Commons.

Judges at odds over custody

A father's attempt to win back his son aged four has come to grief because England and Scotland have different legal systems.

A Scottish judge has awarded custody of the boy to his father, but an English judge has given custody to his mother.

Mr Alistair Cakebread, aged 32, a landscape gardener, of Dunbeg, Argyll, was granted full custody of his son, Nick, at Oban Sheriff Court after his divorce.

But his wife, Senga, now remarried and living in Reigate, Surrey, took the boy to England on holiday. There, a High Court judge awarded her interim custody.

Mr Cakebread said: "I don't understand how an English judge can ignore a Scottish court order.

"I won custody of Nick in the Scottish courts, now I'll have to do the same again in England."

The Family Law Act 1986, which was given Royal Assent last November and will become law later this year, will mean any custody order granted in a Scottish court will automatically be recognized in England and vice-versa.

Mr Cakebread said he expected to pay out about £5,000 in legal fees for his new attempt to regain custody.

Thatcher wedding 'family occasion'

Mr Mark Thatcher, the Prime Minister's son, married Miss Diane Burgdorf, the daughter of a Texan millionaire car salesman, in a St Valentine's Day ceremony based on the 1928 Revised Book of Common Prayer in which the bride does not promise to obey her husband.

In spite of a cordon of police security around the 1507 Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, off the Strand in London, and a clamouring press corps outside, the service was described as "a happy occasion and a family occasion" by the Bishop of Ely, Dr Peter Walker, who took the couple through their vows.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, dressed in hyacinth blue and matching hat, refused to acknowledge the chill drizzling rain when she arrived at the chapel. "It's a lovely day," she told a small crowd of bedraggled bystanders.

After the hour-long service conducted by Canon John Williams, the chaplain, Dr Walker, a Thatcher family friend, and a Lutheran pastor from Texas, Mrs Thatcher was brimming with emotion. "There were tears in my eyes more than once," she said.

It had been a "lovely wedding" and her new daughter-in-law was lovely too, "lovely to look at and a lovely person".

The groom, aged 33, who wore a yellow rose in the lapel of his morning suit, arrived just before 11am with Mr Stephen Tipping, his best man.

Miss Burgdorf, aged 26, a bank clerk, wore a traditional white wedding dress of satin covered with bead-embroidered white lace, with a five-foot train.

She was four minutes late for the ceremony and the 150 guests were kept waiting for another 10 minutes while an usher fetched the pink and white rose bouquet she had left in the Savoy Hotel.

The congregation included Mr Cecil Parkinson and his wife, Anne, Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, and Mr John Wakeham, the Conservative Chief Whip.

A red Rolls-Royce drove the newlyweds 200 yards to the Savoy Hotel where about 300 guests, including 70 Texans, attended the reception, estimated to have cost Mr Ted Burgdorf £50,000.

The couple spent their first night at the Springs Hotel, in North Stoke, Oxfordshire. Accompanied by two Special Branch detectives, they were surprised by a photographer.

Yesterday they left on a Qantas flight for Australia where they are expected to spend their honeymoon in tropical Queensland.

Hospice care for children 'should end'

A charity has criticized hospice care for children and urged the Government to discourage any further such developments (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Hospice care, often delivered miles from home, is inappropriate for most dying children and plans for further children's hospices should be stopped immediately, Help the Hospices has said.

Services for families and children coping with terminal illness should be provided locally, preferably at home or in special hospital wards, it says.

Airlines to hold blood for crews

Airlines are planning to hold large supplies of pure blood at many destinations around the world for emergency use by their crews (Harvey Elliott writes).

The move comes after growing fears that blood in some countries could be contaminated or unavailable.

British Caledonian has held blood supplies for many years at most of its worldwide destinations. The stores were created after a stewardess was in a road accident in South America and no blood was immediately available.

● In spite of earlier denials, the Ministry of Defence now admits that sailors from HMS Nottingham were allowed shore-leave in the Aids-rife African port of Mombasa.

Pupils will be given basic facts

Controversial lessons on Aids are being recommended for pupils of all ages in schools in Newcastle upon Tyne to increase awareness about the deadly virus.

Teachers at the city's 130 schools have been given guidelines from the local education authority and training briefings on how and when to raise the topic.

Subjects such as biology, religious education, home economics and social and personal education are recommended as suitable for telling pupils the basic facts.

Lessons on Aids are also to be introduced during sex education classes in Derbyshire schools.

Risk from decline in milk usage

The steady decline in milk consumption, largely attributed to health fears, has led to a new health risk - calcium deficiency (John Young writes).

Two of Britain's largest dairy firms, Express and Unigate, have been persuaded to launch brands of milk with added calcium, aimed at middle-aged and pregnant women who are thought to at risk.

Calcium deficiency, which can cause deformed and brittle bones, was widespread until milk became an accepted part of the daily diet.

Since dairy products in general acquired an "unhealthy" image, the risk has resurfaced. The National Dairy Council has given a warning of the danger of osteoporosis, said to be costing the National Health Service £2 million a week.

Unleaded petrol may be boosted

The Government is believed to be planning to introduce a two-tier pricing structure for petrol to encourage a national shift towards unleaded fuel (Our Political Reporter writes).

The cost of leaded four-star could be increased in the Budget from its present average 175.5p a gallon, with a simultaneous fall in its pollutant-free equivalent.

Whitehall sources yesterday dismissed as "speculation" a Sunday newspaper report that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will announce a 10p price difference between the two types of fuel.

An EEC directive stipulates that lead-free fuel must be on sale from at least one pump at every filling station in the country by January 1989. About 200 outlets now supply unleaded petrol.

Scientists say card series is garbage

A new picture card series produced by the tea manufacturers, Brooke Bond, has been described as "garbage" by scientists.

The "educational" series, Unexplained Mysteries of the World, deals with subjects such as ghosts, levitation, UFOs, monsters and fairies.

Last night, an organization comprised of some of the West's leading scientists demanded its withdrawal. Mr Michael Hutchinson, British secretary of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said: "This series perpetuates some of the world's greatest fallacies and hoaxes under the guise of being educational".

Mr Ivan Robinson, a spokesman for the company, said: "The cards are intended to inform and educate."

Survey shows up ineffective schools

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Studying for a PhD is an isolated and lonely experience which defeats at least half of those who embark on it, according to a report published today by the Economic and Social Research Council (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The council set up an inquiry under Dr Graham Winfield to discover why more then 85 per cent of PhD students in the social sciences failed to submit their theses within four years.

It concludes that since the PhD was introduced in the 1920s it has been "allowed to develop rather aimlessly", that there is much confusion about its nature and purpose and that urgent changes are needed.

A study of the effectiveness of local education authorities discloses a significant variation in the examination performance of their pupils even after allowing for differences in social class.

The study, details of which are published today for the first time, has been carried out by Dr John Gibbings, of Liverpool University. He has devised a comprehensive method of weighing pupils' academic attainment against their home background.

Dr Gibbings examined six variables: the percentage of pupils gaining one or more A level passes; the percentage gaining five or more O level passes (including grade 1 CSE); the percentage gaining neither O level nor CSE passes; the teaching expenditure per pupil per year; the percentage of the population in the high socio-economic group and the percentage of children receiving free school meals.

He then weighted and combined the variables to give a measure of the academic performance of 36 authorities in the north of England.

These are arranged into five bands of merit according to the percentage by which they exceed or fall below their target performance.

The results are:

Good (more than 20 per cent above target): Solihull.

Above average (between 10 per cent and 20 per cent above target): Coventry, Kirklees, Rotherham, Sefton, Sunderland, Wigan, Wirral.

Average (between 10 per cent above target and 10 per cent below): Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford, Calderdale, Doncaster, Dudley, Gateshead, Knowsley, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Salford, Sandwell, Sheffield, South Tyneside, St Helens, Stockport, Trafford, Walsall, Wolverhampton.

Below average (between 10 per cent and 20 per cent below target): Barnsley, Bury, Manchester, Tameside.

Poor (more than 20 per cent below target): Oldham, Rochdale, Wakefield.

Dr Gibbings believes that his merit table is more accurate than any other so far published because it measures schools' success with less able children as well as the more able.

Previous studies have concentrated on those achieving five or more O level passes or CSE grade 1s.

The study suggests that whether an authority is comprehensive or selective makes no difference to its results.

Drink-drive test case may go to Lords

The controversial right of the police to "back-calculate" how much a motorist had been drinking is to be challenged in a test case at the Divisional Court in London (Craig Seton writes).

It is being brought by Stephen Gumbley, aged 35, of Brixton, south-west London.

He was the first motorist to be convicted under the back-calculation method – although he was well below the legal limit in a delayed blood-alcohol test, scientists proved that he was over the limit at the time of an accident in which his brother died.

Police hailed the conviction as an important advance against drink-driving.

It will be Mr Gumbley's second appeal and the case may end up in the Lords for a definitive ruling.

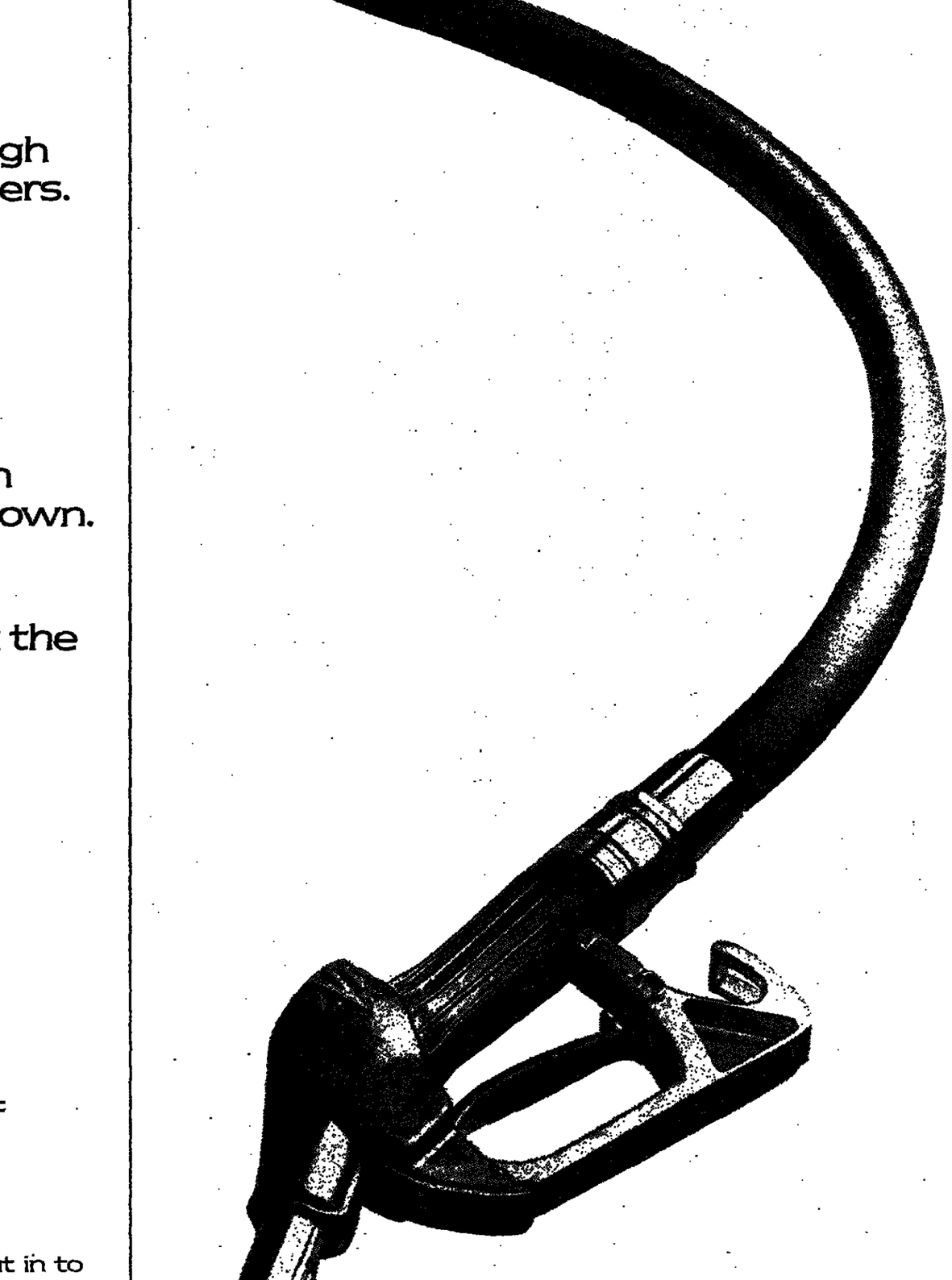
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Lawyers use videos to help witnesses refine performance

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Witnesses are being coached by their solicitors with the help of video recording equipment to improve delivery in the witness box.

Mumbling, shuffling through documents, or nervous habits such as nose scratching or shifting from foot to foot are not conducive to a good impression in court.

The use of videos is the idea of a London firm of solicitors, Durrant Piesse. Mr Christopher Grierson, litigation partner, says: "Worst is the long pause. It is important that the client thinks about the question but if he pauses too long, it can be counter-productive."

But he is emphatic that the firm does not cross the fine line into what might be construed as "writing the witness a speech", or tutoring them in any way as to what their answers might be.

"It's a narrow line, but an important distinction, between telling the client what to say and how to say it. We might say to the client that although he intended to make a certain point, that was not how it came across, and help him to put it more clearly."

So far the video recordings have been used for only a few cases, all civil, as the firm does not do criminal work. "It's got to be a case where it is worthwhile devoting the time," Mr Grierson says, "such as a complex dispute over the terms of a contract.

"It puts them under a bit of pressure, which is not unlike that they will face in the witness box, and it means we can show them how they look and the way they answer questions."

The practice is widespread in the United States although lawyers there go further down the line of "coaching" the client. Video recordings are also used widely for the taking and submitting of statements.

Mr Grierson says: "We've done the same thing with clients for many years without the video but now they can see for themselves how they react". If a client wants the benefit of a practice run on video, it is a benefit he pays for.

Video recordings have other uses. Partners giving presentations about the firm to clients, in the increasingly common "beauty contests" where they have to tender for work, are put through their paces first.

They can also be used in place of photographs. "Where we have to submit a photograph of, say, a piece of machinery in a copyright dispute, it is more helpful to take a video recording and walk right round it."

Officials at the Law Society said it was the first they had heard of video recordings being used to improve witness performance. As with other developments it would have to be watched.

It did not seem "beyond the bounds of acceptable behaviour" provided it was just aimed at improving how the evidence was given rather than doctoring it in any way.

"Each case would have to be judged on its merits; but anything that came near to the point of coaching a witness would be rather frowned upon by the courts," a spokesman said.



Vicky Stares, of Ipswich, feeding a cub at the Otter Trust in Earsham, Norfolk, which took the unusual step of removing the two youngest from a litter of four for hand rearing to help them to survive the severe weather of last month. They are being fed five times a day before being released into the wild eventually (Photograph: Joe McKeown).

Bus de-regulation: 1

Competition is still limited

*Last October the Government introduced the biggest shake-up in local bus services for 50 years. In two articles **Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent**, looks at what has been achieved since then.*

It is now nearly four months since the Government opened Britain's local bus routes outside London to competition. It did so amid warnings that the changes would lead to confusion, curtailment of services, and fare increases.

Confusion there certainly was for a time in many areas with passengers ill-informed about new services and, in some cases, drivers not knowing their routes.

But on the whole services have been well maintained, and there has been no general pattern of fare increases. The level of competition stimulated so far may, however, be less than the Government might have hoped for.

It was the Transport Act 1985 that paved the way for change. Its provisions, which came into effect in two stages, in October and last month, swept away a bureaucratic regime which had effectively prevented competition and laid down that:

- Any operator could run services on unsubsidized routes provided he met safety requirements and gave notice of his intention to do so.
- Subsidies for unprofitable routes had to be awarded on the basis of competitive tenders.
- Bus undertakings run by local authorities or passenger transport executives had to be transferred into free standing, unsubsidized organizations.
- The National Bus Company had to be broken up, and more than 60 subsidiaries sold off.

The next election could determine how long these changes have in which to prove themselves, for the Labour Party in its transport policy document published last week, committed itself to repeal the Act.

What has so far emerged from this process of de-regulation is the creation of a structure for the industry within which intense competition will be possible if there are people who want to engage in it. The general view, however, is that it may be another 18 months before it becomes clear how strong the competitive forces are to be.

In the first phase of de-regulation, last October, about 1,500 operators, about 200 of them new ones, registered routes. For the start of the second phase last month a further 500 new services were registered, about 400 withdrawn, and 2,000 varied.

It is reckoned that there is now direct competition on under 3 per cent of routes. Nevertheless, if the scale of the competition is limited, the spirit is there. This was first apparent in Glasgow where severe traffic congestion was produced by operators competing for business in the city centre.

The problem has been eased by police action to smooth traffic flows and by buses varying their routes to avoid bottlenecks. But there is still talk of a need to reduce the number of services in the city centre by one-third.

A preliminary study by the transport and road research laboratory of the Department of Transport says that although there have been random fluctations in fares it is not possible to detect any systematic movement.

The general impression in the industry is that de-regulation has so far had minimal impact on fares, except in an area such as South Yorkshire which had previously operated an exceptionally low fares policy, and had to increase its fares by 300 per cent to make services viable without subsidy.

On unprofitable but socially necessary routes, where operators still receive subsidy, locally authorities are estimated to have been able to reduce subsidies by about £40 million, or roughly 9 per cent nationally, as a result of competitive tendering, while maintaining broadly the same subsidized network.

However, this has not been true everywhere.

Tomorrow: Future competition

Report complains of poor court conditions

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Conditions are so bad in the Official Referees' Court, which hears all big disputes in the building industry, that lawyers and clients have to conduct discussions in corridors, according to a report.

The court, situated in a wing of the Courts of Justice in the Strand, has seven courtrooms, which are mostly "too small for their purpose, uncomfortable and inefficient to use".

"One is so small that when it is in use its door has to be kept permanently open," the report says.

The report is the first to be produced by the Official Referees' Users' Committee, which was set up in 1983 to make sure the court meets the needs of those using it.

It says that in its view there can "be no justification whatsoever for those concerned with the construction industry being provided with accommodation inferior to that available for other litigants".

The problem is made worse because construction disputes tend to involve many parties, barristers, solicitors, experts and witnesses and large numbers of documents and plans. Blackboards and video recordings are also used.

The Lord Chancellor's Department recently agreed to provide new accommodation, consisting of eight large courts and other waiting and consulting rooms, in a new court building in Fetter Lane, and the committee says it hopes "nothing will occur to delay so urgent and necessary an improvement".

The committee, chaired by the senior official referee, Judge Lewis Hawser, QC, says that 85 per cent of the work of the the official referees' courts deals with the construction industry.

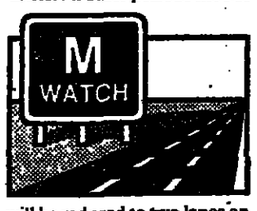
Delays start on M1 near Luton

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Today sees the start of six months of severe disruption to traffic on the M1 near Luton.

During that period nearly three miles of the motorway between junctions 9 and 10 will be reconstructed. The main work will not begin until after Easter, but preliminary work starts today with the closure of the slip roads at junction 10 except the south-bound exit, which is expected to remain open.

Three lanes will be kept open on the motorway at peak times. At other periods the M1



will be reduced to two lanes on each carriageway to permit the strengthening of hard shoulders, and at junction 9 to allow the building of a cross-over through the central reservation. That will be used when a contraflow system is introduced as part of the main works.

The Department of Transport and the Automobile Association are urging motorists, particularly those aiming to catch flights at Luton airport, to allow extra time for journeys over this section of the motorway.

The Department of Transport says the reconstruction has become necessary because this section of the motorway, which was opened in 1959, was designed to carry 50,000 vehicles a day, of which 25 per cent were expected to be heavy lorries.

Now it is carrying 113,000 vehicles daily, 39 per cent being heavier than the road was designed for.

Information about delays will be available on a recorded telephone message on 01 571 6866.

Major roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

A40(M) Marylebone flyover: Closed for repair work until end February. Diversions operating.
M11 London: New road layout and reconstruction work continues at Redbridge roundabout.
M25 Essex: Widening work at the junction 31 roundabout (Grays).
M2 Kent: Contraflow between junctions 6 and 7 (Faversham/A2).
M26 Kent: Earth works. Kent-bound carriageway reduced at junction 2a (Wrotham).
A1 (M) Hertfordshire: Off-peak lane closures south-bound between junctions 10 and 7 (Stotfold/Stevenage).
M1 Bedfordshire: Construction and strengthening work. North and south-bound entry slip roads closed at junction 10 (Luton).
M25 Surrey: Exit slip road from clockwise carriageway at junction 13 (Staines) being widened.
M275 Hampshire: Flyover construction between junction with M27 and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth.

Midlands

M5 Hereford and Worcester: One lane open south bound and two north bound between junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester north). Also south-bound entry slip at junction 5 and south-bound exit slip at junction 6 are closed.
M5 West Midlands: Lane restrictions and some overnight carriageway closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50 South Wales).

North

M63 Greater Manchester: Link road from A34 to M63 north-bound reduced to single lane.
M63 Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester: Widening scheme. Lane restrictions and slip road closures between junctions 1 and 7 (Eccles interchange/A56 Stretford). Severe delays at times.

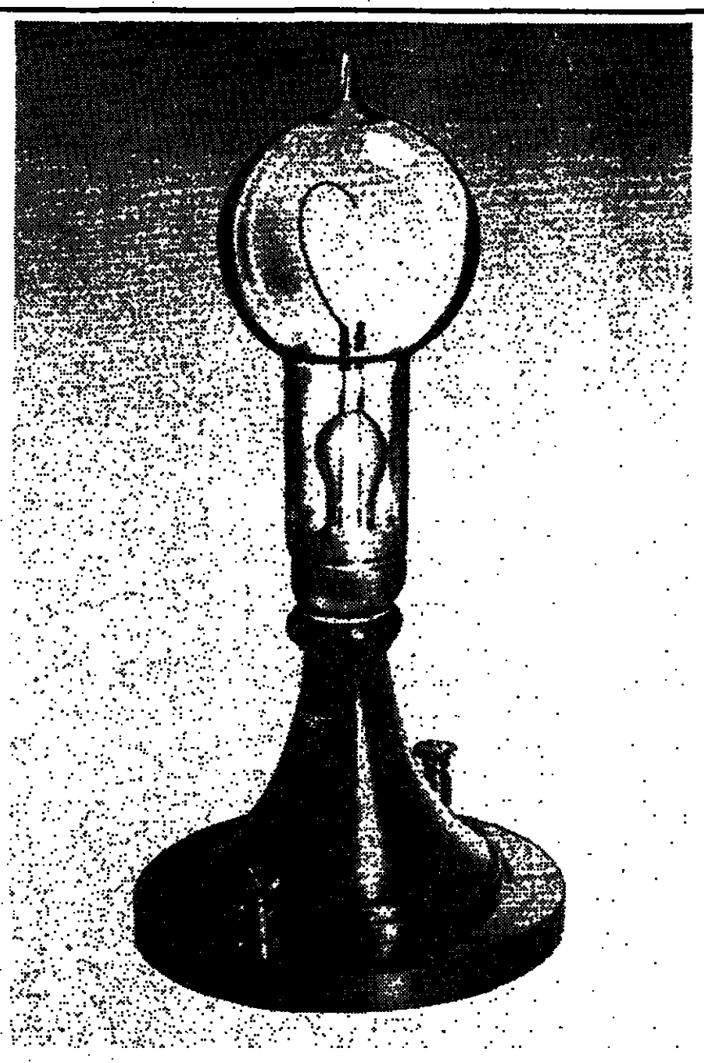
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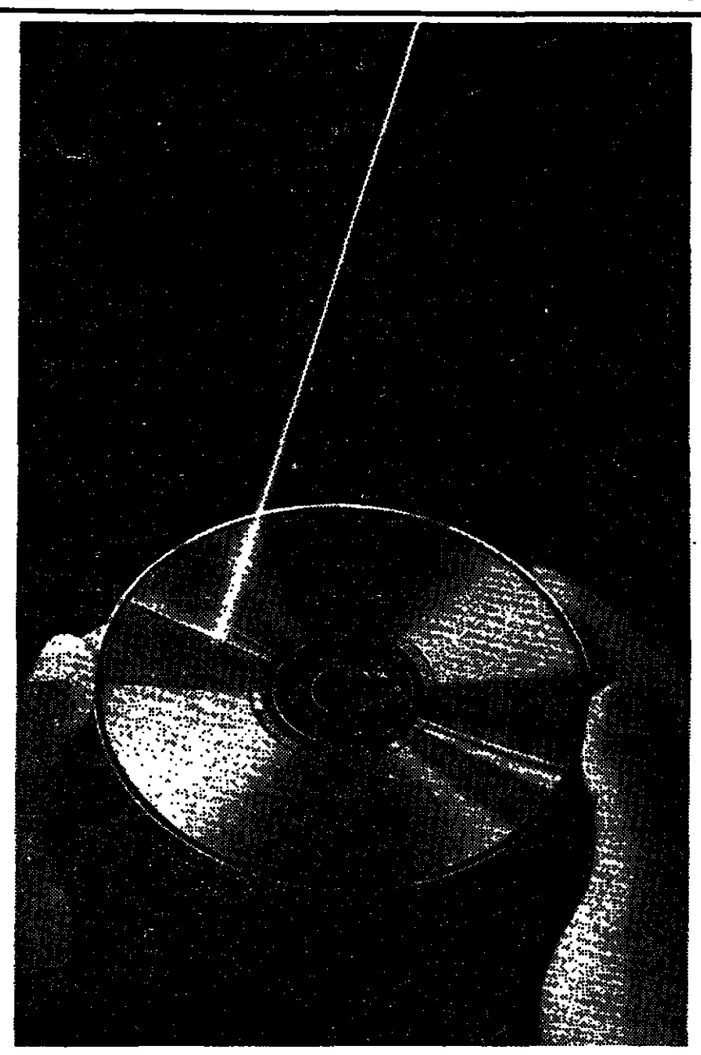
M4 Mid-Glamorgan: Outside lane closed for carriageway repairs in both directions between junctions 34 and 35 (Llantrisant/Pen-y-Coed).
M5 Gloucestershire: Outside lane closed northbound for barrier repairs between junctions 9 and 8 (Tewkesbury/M50).
M5 Somerset: Lane closures between junctions 22 and 26 (Highbridge/ Wellington).

Scotland

M8 Glasgow: Construction work between junctions 17 and 15 (Kelvinside/ Townhead). Outside lane closed eastbound.
M8 Strathclyde, west of junction 5 (Shotts/Harthill): Cat's eye replacement. Inside lane closed westbound.
M73 Strathclyde: Outside lane closed in both directions between junctions 2 and 3 (M8/A80).
M74 Strathclyde: Contraflow between junctions 7 and 8 (A72/ A71).

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Aloof González confronts rising tide of discontent

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The Spanish Government is facing the challenge of social discontent on a scale it has not experienced in four years in office.

Sociologists are emphasizing the "Versailles-like" isolation of Señor Felipe González in the Moncloa Palace, the Prime Minister's office situated in the west of Madrid, far from the marches by thousands of young people and the street battles with the police regularly punctuating the past weeks.

The students' leaders announced a truce at the weekend and a return to the classrooms today. They warned Señor José Maravall, the Education Minister, that this truce would hold only while they see if he responds quickly to their demands, which include dropping all university entrance exams.

But the trouble for the Government is that the protests by a new generation, worried about its chances of a university place and a subsequent job, comes on top of other festering social conflicts.

Chief among these is the bitterness of organized labour at the Government's economic policies, which are seen as a betrayal of its working-class, left-wing origins.

The pro-Socialist trade unions, tired of years of sacrifices for "their" Government, are increasingly joining the Communist-run unions to add a groundswell to the young people's discontent.

The under-25s make up half, in many cities far more, of Spain's three million unemployed. The unemployment rate, at 21 per cent, is the highest in Western Europe.

As Señor Maravall was reluctantly sitting down with secondary school leaders, Señor Carlos Solchaga, the Economics Minister, was appealing to Spain's captains of industry to keep within the Government's 5 per cent target and not to grant the unions' demand for wage increases of about 7 per cent this year.

Señor Nicolás Redondo, the Socialist trade union boss, retorted that the workers had tightened their belts for four years. Now, he said, they wanted to "benefit a bit" from the improvement in the economy.

Foreign problems add to the Government's headaches. Nato membership looks increasingly like a juggling act, the row with Washington over the interlinked bases question promises to be resolved only by some kind of climbdown, the Gibraltar problem makes no progress and disaffection among the Muslims in Spain's North African enclave of Melilla, claimed by Morocco, is being tackled by Madrid with a clumsy use of force.

Under General Franco, Spaniards got used to problems being tackled with "firmness", and Señor González has been a surprising follower of this tradition.

The widely praised communicator, who last year brought off a "yes" verdict in the Nato referendum and then won a second four-year term with an absolute majority last summer, now appears to have lost contact with the "real Spain".

When he addresses Parliament next week, it will be his first appearance there since being confirmed as Prime Minister in July.

With his party's 184 seats in the lower house, Señor González has no need to cultivate Parliament, and his neglect resembles that of previous occupants of the Moncloa.

There are many signs that the Government could command the support of the silent majority of Spaniards if the Socialist Party sought to mobilize it.

But the communication problem is not only one for the Prime Minister. His party has only 190,000 members among 38 million Spaniards. Emerging from clandestinity after the Franco era, it quickly had to take on many local and regional government posts, and from 1982 central government responsibilities as well.

The lacklustre performance of Parliament is aggravated by the break-up of the Opposition, the fragmentation of a right-wing alliance formerly led by Señor Manuel Fraga. Symbolically, the non-Socialist forces in Parliament have agreed not to name any successor to the post of Leader of the Opposition.

Wave of Greek strikes reaches peak today

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The wave of strikes that has been disrupting life in Greece reaches a new climax today as more than 1.5 million civil servants, workers and employees, as well as 600,000 shopkeepers and craftsmen, stay away from work in protest against the Government's economic austerity programme.

Some unions, including the civil servants' federation, plan to continue the strike for 48 hours along with hospital doctors, teachers, taxi drivers and city services. Banks and petrol stations will not re-open until Thursday.

The intensity of the labour unrest has been unprecedented in the five years that the Socialists, led by Mr Andreas Papandreou, have been in power. It has prompted Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the right-wing New Democracy Party leader, to call for elections.

The Government is determined to stick to a virtual wage freeze until 1988 and harsh public spending cuts.

New Airbus unites a squabbling Europe



The Princess of Wales and M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, at the champagne launch of the Airbus 320 jet.

Partners vow to resist US pressure

From Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, Toulouse

It was not easy being an American in Toulouse at the weekend. The handful who came to see the formal launch of the Airbus 320 jet heard endless speeches criticizing the United States.

Then they found themselves being toasted in champagne for belonging to the nation which suddenly appears to have united Europe.

The fact that it was St Valentine's Day probably went some way towards fuelling the togetherness of the European partners of the Airbus consortium. But that would have meant little had it not been for the attempts in recent weeks by the US Government to bully Europe out of its commitment to the Airbus concept.

Suddenly the French, Germans, Spanish and British, who can normally be relied upon to bicker behind the bland official smiles, were genuinely united.

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, told the Americans that if they wanted a trade war they could have one and that Europe would fight back "blow for blow".

Herr Franz Josef Strauss, chairman of the supervisory board of Airbus Industrie, said that even though there was an important amount of American technology in the aircraft "it unfortunately does not prevent our US competitors or some government officials from making a lot of noise whenever we gain the confidence of a new customer or are trying to launch a new programme".

The Prince of Wales, who was there with the Princess of Wales on his way from Portugal to a brief skiing holiday in Switzerland, also praised the way that Europe had worked together, and urged further co-operation if the continent is to succeed in the world markets.

The royal couple entered into the spirit of multinational co-operation by agreeing to pour champagne over the nose of the first A 320 no less than three times for the benefit of the shouting, jostling throng of photographers.

Leaders of British industry could hardly contain their delight at the new-found togetherness. Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, is now confident that when he goes to see Mr Geoffrey Pattie, the Industry Minister, early next month to ask for cash to fund the next generation of Airbus jets, including the four-engined A-340, he will not come away empty-handed.

There is now such a political head of steam behind the project "to show the Americans that we can't be pushed around", that it would be almost unthinkable for the British Government to back out.

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, was bounding with renewed confidence that the V 2500 consortium engine in which Rolls-Royce has a big share would attract airlines in Europe especially, rather than the American General Electric rival.

Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, who already has seven firm orders on the A 320, promptly decided to turn three more options into firm orders and so ensure his place at the head of the queue for the jet.

The 150-seat aircraft cost more than £1.5 billion to develop and has now achieved a record number of 439 commitments from 16 airlines, even though it does not make its first flight until next month.

Boeing, McDonnell Douglas and the US Trade Department do not like it. "Well, they had better lump it," one British official said. He was actually clapped by French and German bystanders, and that could not have happened just a few months ago.



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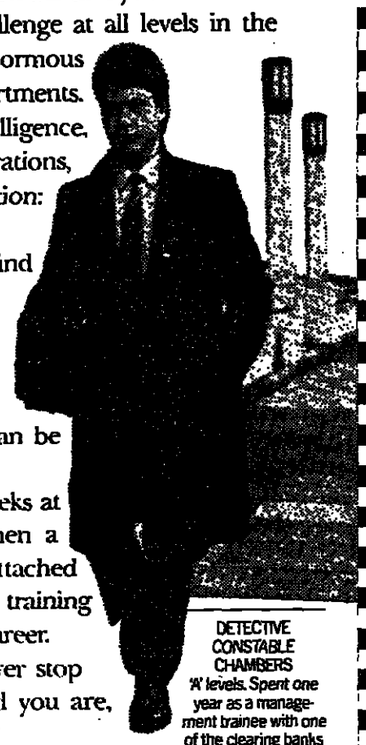
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LONDON'S METROPOLITAN POLICE

The Pope condemns Rome raid

Rome (AP) — The Pope yesterday made an impassioned plea for a fight against terrorism and "the poison of violence" after two policemen were killed during an ambush of a postal van in Rome on Saturday.

Addressing pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square, the Pope expressed his "consternation and condemnation" of the attack.

He said: "On Saturday, terrorism, carried out with marked coldness, bloodied Rome . . . once again, violence has ended innocent lives," he said. "I deeply deplore this criminal fact, which wounds the conscience of every civilized person."

The Pope, speaking in Italian, vowed that "the poison of violence will not corrupt the conscience".

He urged a common struggle and solidarity in finding "a road of . . . order and social peace".

Responsibility for Saturday's attack in a residential area of Rome, in which a third policeman was seriously wounded, has been claimed by the "Red Brigades-Fighting Communist Party".

About nine attackers ambushed the van and made off with about 1.2 billion lire (£537,975).

Police said that at least 100 bullets were fired in the 10-minute raid, after which the attackers sped away.

● Terrorist law: Only last week the Italian Parliament passed a new law allowing big reductions in prison sentences for convicted guerrillas who have renounced violence and severed their links with guerrilla groups (Reuter reports from Rome).

The new law was hailed as a sign that the security emergency of the so-called "Years of Lead" between 1977 and 1980, when the Red Brigades killed 17 public figures, was at last over.

Bonn tells 'Iran arms' ship to halt

From A Correspondent
Bonn

A West German ship said to be carrying arms from Portugal to Iran has halted its voyage on orders from the Bonn Government.

A spokesman for the Transport Ministry said yesterday that it was still not known exactly where the ship, the Gretl, was. However, the German transport union OTV, which first reported the allega-

A man who was reportedly a member of the Iraq-based Mujahidin and who threw a grenade at Mr Hadi Khamenei, brother of President Khamenei of Iran, was killed by guards, (Reuter reports from Tehran).

tions of an arms shipment, said the Gretl was believed to be near the Suez Canal.

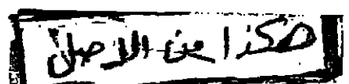
Herr Werner Dollinger, the Transport Minister, had earlier sent a radio message ordering the ship's captain to return home or put in at the nearest EEC port, where the cargo could be checked.

According to the OTV, the Gretl left Portugal on February 6 for the Iranian port of Banda Abbas after loading munitions.

After being contacted by the Transport Ministry at the weekend, the ship's German owner, Herr Jürgen Stahmer, commanded the captain to stop.

Herr Stahmer said he wanted to talk to the Danish charterer, who is said to be involved in the international arms trade, before issuing further instructions to the capitain.

● BAGHDAD: Iraq said yesterday that its warplanes had raided Tehran and eight other towns and cities to make Iran's leaders understand "that insistence on war means more destruction for Iran" (Reuter reports).



WORLD SUMMARY

Falklands anger over immigrants

Port Stanley (Reuter) — Britain yesterday launched a scheme to encourage more people to emigrate to the Falklands, a move that has angered some islanders because of a housing shortage.

Specially vetted applicants will get free single air tickets to the islands, assistance with selling their homes in Britain and refunds for shipping their possessions.

They will also be given housing priority — a concession that has angered some of the islands' 1,902 residents. The housing shortage is due partly to an influx of workers to build the huge new airport and barracks at Mount Pleasant, and the presence of 3,000 British troops.

Mr Shane Wolsey, assistant general manager of the islands' Development Corporation, said two families had already been accepted for the scheme.

Mubarak gets his way

Cairo — Having been given massive support by Egypt's electorate in Thursday's referendum, President Hosni Mubarak has swiftly issued orders to dissolve the People's Assembly and to hold new elections for it on April 6 (Our Own Correspondent writes).

The referendum result, announced on Saturday, showed that 76.51 per cent of the 14 million registered voters had turned out, and that 88.9 per cent of them had supported the President's call for creating a new People's Assembly, elected according to new rules which allow independents to stand for the first time.

The President's National Democratic Party won 390 of the 448 seats in the outgoing assembly and appears likely to repeat its triumph. The new assembly is due to meet on April 22, and its main task will then be to decide whether to appoint President Mubarak to a second six-year term from next October.

Lift for Israel

Jerusalem — The United States is to grant Israel "most favoured ally" status, allowing it to share many of the privileges of Nato countries and be able to count on contracts to save its debt-plagued defence industries (Ian Murray writes).

Besides Nato members, only Egypt, Australia and South Korea enjoy such status. Israel has been particularly anxious to do so, both for the financial benefit and access to research and development it will bring. A formal announcement is due this week during the US visit by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister.

Ukraine sacking

Moscow (Reuter) — Mr Boris Goncharenko, aged 60, a Communist Party regional official in the Soviet Ukraine, has been dismissed following the unlawful arrest of a reporter who exposed abuses of power, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, the Ukrainian party leader, said yesterday.

Mr Goncharenko had been sacked after "gross violations" of the law, including the arrest on hooliganism charges of Mr Viktor Berkhin, a reporter. His dismissal followed the sacking of Mr A. Dichenko, a senior Ukrainian KGB officer, for his role in Mr Berkhin's arrest.

Congo leader visits

The President of Congo and current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, Colonel Denis Sassou-Nguesson, arrives in London this morning on his first official visit to Britain, where he will meet the Queen, the Prime Minister and senior officals (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The central African leader is expected to raise in talks the problem of black Africa's foreign debt, the West's stand on South Africa and the war in Chad. Dubbed the "reformed Marxist" by Western observers, Colonel Nguesson, aged 43, has successfully combined Marxist-Leninist rhetoric with a pragmatic approach to the West.

He and his 68-strong entourage leave London on Wednesday for the next leg of their tour, Spain.

Ransom paid

Nuoro, Sardinia (AP) — A man who traded himself for a friend being held hostage by Sardinian bandits has been freed for a ransom of 600 million lire (about £320,000), it was reported yesterday.

Signor Domenico Pittorra, a truck driver, was set free on Friday night after a month in captivity. He was taken hostage in the place of Paulina Brais de Candia, who was kidnapped with her husband, Giorgio, on November 2.

TUC plea for picket

Istanbul (Reuter) — Turkish police yesterday detained a trade union picket for insulting the police as a delegation of international labour leaders visited strikers at a telecommunications factory in Istanbul, the Anatolian Agency said.

One of the delegation, Mr Norman Willis, General Secretary of the TUC, said he would ask the British Embassy in Ankara to try to secure the man's release.

Ski break at Klosters



The Duke and Duchess of York heading yesterday for the Alpine slopes above the fashionable Swiss ski resort of Klosters. Despite driving snow and strong winds they skied, with a break for lunch, until dusk.

The Duke, appropriately wearing a helicopter motif on his dark blue bobble cap, is regarded as less proficient on the piste than his wife, but an expert described his performance yesterday as "stylish".

The couple have rented a chalet at Wolfgang between Davos and Klosters. They will be joined today by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Lebanon conflict: Lofty visions of future amid present misery

Christian chief looks beyond the mountains for salvation

From Robert Fisk
Ayoun Semaan
Lebanon

"That's the Barouk Mountains down there. The grey line after the hills." Mr Danny Chamoun is standing in the stone patio of his mountaintop villa and turns to the north, pointing across the silvery phosphorescence of snow. "And that ridge is Ehden, just above the cedars. You can see almost all of Lebanon from there."

But the Lebanon that Danny Chamoun really sees is cantonized, divided, chopped up into little sectarian states that cut cynically through the dark valleys hidden below the snowline, out of sight of the villa on the heights of Faraya. In two months — he holds up two fingers when he says it — the disintegration of Lebanon will be complete.

"The cantonization, the frontiers are already there. Each factional war relieves one community. Look now, the Shias are fighting the Palestinians, so most of the Druze and the Christians are left in peace for a while. But Lebanon will not disappear. There could be a Druze-Christian alliance."

Mr Chamoun is a canny man behind his bland, laid-back exterior and his 1986 French ski cothes. It has been a good day on the slopes of Faraya. He looks down towards Beirut and the dark smudge on the horizon that is the only mark in this rarefied air of the city which contains one of Lebanon's cruellest wars.

"Look, there is only one way this thing has to be finished, and that is by international action. If there is none, then bombs are going to go on exploding in London or Berlin or Madrid. Or will the Europeans just accept this? You know, the Europeans have a problem: they have become so developed, they are very vulnerable."

It is an uneasy theory but an important one, since Mr Chamoun might rather like to be a future President of Lebanon. And the Israelis, say some of his friends, believe he is their man. He has warm personal relations with General Antoine Lahd, the commander of Israel's proxy "South Lebanon Army" militia.

He can call up the Druze leadership, the traditional enemies of the Christian Maronites, from the radio telephone in his villa, one authoritative voice speaking in rational terms to another across those valley battle-lines.

If ever that Christian-Druze alliance took root, Mr Chamoun would be able to drive from Jerusalem to east Beirut, via Marjayoun, Jezzine and Moukhtara, without ever leaving friendly territory. This fact, of course, has not been lost on the Syrians, who view Mr Chamoun as a partitionist only slightly less extreme than his octogenarian father, Camille, who as President in 1958 called in the US Marines.

That historical heritage has not been forgotten among the Chamouns, especially when Danny Chamoun outlines the nature of the "international action" which he says must finish Lebanon's wars. He moves his hands in a graceful arc when he talks, making titanic political decisions seem easy; he probably seems a very credible figure in Israel, and indeed might appear so in Europe in the years to come.

"What has got to happen is that there must be a total disarming of the Lebanese people, and then an international army to come in here and police the place until the Lebanese Army has been strengthened. I mean a real international army that can set Lebanon on its feet again as a state."

Has Mr Chamoun any idea of how absurd these words sound in the political corridors of the West, where statesmen's reputations still lie in tatters because of their military involvement in Lebanon?

"You may think so now. But why could it not be done? Throughout history, foreign armies have done this in Lebanon. The Egyptians did it, the Ottomans did it, the French did it when they took Lebanon over from the Turks. The French helped to establish the 1943 state. The Americans solidified Lebanon when they sent in their Marines in 1958.

But what of the multinational force of 1982? What of the Syrian and Israeli occupations? What of the United Nations force in southern Lebanon? The answers come quickly. The MNF was a mismanaged force. The Syrians became corrupt. The Israelis became controversial in their siege of Beirut. The UN? "Well, surely soldiers have to realize that they die sometimes. Soldiers exist to fight and defend something, not for medal parades."

Or so it might seem from this mountain-top villa. Long ago, a generation ago in the Lebanese civil war, Mr Chamoun led a Christian militia called the "Tigers" which were eventually crushed by the much larger Christian Phalangists. "Now we are just little pussycats," he said ruefully at a conference in Switzerland shortly afterwards.

But he clearly believes these things can change. Mr Amin Gemayel, the Lebanese President, who is a Phalangist, currently portrays an image of little more than weakness, vacillation and false hopes.

The President is currently touring Europe seeking economic help for his country. Mr Chamoun may one day intend to make a similar trip, though his demands will be far more ambitious.

Whitehall admits it has upgraded diplomatic presence in Damascus

By Nicholas Beeston

The Foreign Office admitted yesterday that it had upgraded its diplomatic representation in Damascus last month, and that a senior Syrian diplomat would be posted to London soon.

But a spokesman denied that the changes had anything to do with the disappearance of Mr Terry Waite, the Anglican envoy, and emphasized that Britain had had no contact with the Syrian Government concerning the missing negotiator, who vanished on January 20 and is presumed kidnapped.

Last month a First Secretary, Mr Jeremy Halford, was posted to Damascus to head the British interests section of the Australian Embassy, and in the coming weeks a Syrian counsellor will take over the Syrian interests sections of the Lebanese Embassy in London. Both new section heads are more senior than their predecessors.

The timing of the postings led to speculation yesterday that Britain had entered a secret deal with Damascus, whereby the Foreign Office would move towards improving relations with Syria if it used its considerable influence in Lebanon to free Mr Waite and other Western hostages.

"Our agreement with the Syrians over the interests sections does not specify rank, and the recent changes have not altered our relations with Syria," a Foreign Office spokesman said, adding that Damascus had not demonstrated its intention to stop sponsoring terrorism.

Britain severed diplomatic links with Syria last November after evidence of involvement by senior Syrian intelligence officers in a plot to blow up an El Al jet at Heathrow. Under the current agreement, both countries can maintain three diplomats in each other's capitals under the flag of another nation.

The announcement of the changes followed the delivery of a letter from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze Muslim leader, on Saturday, asking him for support in trying to free Mr Waite.

The contents of the letter, delivered by the British Ambassador to Lebanon, Mr John Gray, were not revealed, but it is known that Mr Jumblatt is putting pressure on radical Shia Muslim leaders to have the envoy freed.

In London, the Lebanese hostage crisis was expected to dominate talks between Sir Geoffrey and President Gemayel of Lebanon, who is on a three-day visit to Britain as part of a European tour.

Although the Maronite Christian leader has little, if any, sway over Muslim areas, he may be able to shed some new light on Mr Waite's fate.

A thousand extra police have been deployed in Paris in advance of the trial of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, the suspected Lebanese guerrilla leader, due to begin on February 23.

Besieged Palestinians quit camp



Palestinian families, who have been besieged by Shia Amal militiamen for several months, leaving the Bourj al-Barajneh camp in Beirut with an escort of Amal gunmen to buy food.

Appeal to Hezbollah for Waite

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Beirut

Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader of the Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party, yesterday expressed his growing impatience over the continued detention of Mr Terry Waite and indirectly blamed the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) for holding the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy.

"We are still in touch with Hezbollah and we hope that they will respond to us and release Terry Waite, if he is detained by them, because this situation is impossible," he said in an interview.

Mr Jumblatt's appeal for news about Mr Waite came shortly after he had received a message from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Militia sources in the Muslim sector of the city said they believed that Mr Waite remains in the southern suburbs, despite rumours that he had been taken to the Bekaa valley. Both the southern suburbs and the Bekaa valley are strongholds of Shia Muslim fundamentalist groups with connections to the Islamic Jihad organization, with whom Mr Waite has been trying to negotiate.

Mr Jumblatt's well-trained militia was in charge of Mr Waite's security until he went missing. The mere fact of receiving a letter from the Foreign Secretary may help to boost Mr Jumblatt's prestige at a time when it looks very tarnished indeed.

● **Stalemate ahead:** Western intelligence services are now convinced that there will be a long period of stalemate before the fate of the hostages in Beirut is resolved (Michael Evans writes).

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50	54	1,919	324	6,198	8,441	1,919
55	59	1,795	208	6,086	8,089	1,795
60	64	1,741	140	5,902	7,783	1,741
65	69	1,709	107	5,840	7,656	1,709
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45	49	3,418	688	3,500	10,216	3,418
50	54	3,251	473	3,370	10,004	3,251
55	59	3,133	319	3,250	9,706	3,067
60	64	3,105	255	3,203	9,557	3,038
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Fierce protest by Druze villagers

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Druze villagers from the Golan Heights area, occupied by Israel after the six-day war in 1967, staged a very violent demonstration on Saturday on a hill overlooking neighbouring Druze villages which have remained under Syrian rule.

The demonstration, which was reviewed by yesterday's Cabinet meeting, was significant not only for the ferocity of the fighting, but for the fact that Israeli police on hand were well equipped with shields, helmets and anti-riot gear. It is the lack of this equipment which has led in the past to security forces firing live ammunition at demonstrators when they are outnumbered by stone throwers.

Eight policemen were slightly injured in the fighting and 13 Druze were arrested. The demonstration was held to mark the fifth anniversary of the imposition of Israeli law in the area.

● **Car bombing:** Several Arabs were hurt yesterday in an attempted Palestinian car bombing near a big Israeli hospital (AP reports from Tel Aviv).

Police said the car blew up prematurely several yards away from the Meir Hospital in the town of Kfar Saba, which is adjacent to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and about 13 miles north-east of Tel Aviv. It was unclear whether the bomb was intended to detonate at the hospital.

● **Eight jailed:** Four Arabs convicted of planning to attack the Israeli Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv were sentenced by a military court yesterday to prison terms of between 12 and 20 year (Reuter reports). Four others, found guilty of belonging to the Fatah wing of the PLO, were jailed for seven years.

The eight were captured when Israeli gunboats sank a ship carrying suspected Palestinian guerrillas off the Israeli coast in April 1985.

Botha's former envoy to UK issues call for fundamental changes

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Pretoria, already under pressure from traditional parties of the left and right, faces a new challenge in the white general election on May 6 in the shape of Dr Denis Worrall, South Africa's former Ambassador to London, who is promising voters a "new sense of direction" and a "new political vision".

Dr Worrall returned home at the weekend to announce that he would be standing as an independent candidate, in the belief that "the great majority of whites want fundamental change", which they were not getting at present from the Government.

At a press conference at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport on Saturday, Mr Worrall said he would disclose in the next eight or 10 days which constituency he would contest. He claimed that he had already received widespread moral and financial support.

Mr Worrall, who is 51 and resigned as ambassador on January 30, said he believed that, if he had read the mood of the electorate correctly, his candidacy could lead to "a very far-reaching" realignment in white politics, which would more accurately reflect current thinking within the country.

"There is a fluidity in South Africa at the present time which did not previously exist. I think party loyalties are very loose at the moment. I sense there are millions of South Africans in all political parties, in all communities, who are looking for a sense of direction, who are looking for some vision as to just where this country is going, who want to see light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

It was also important to restore confidence in South Africa abroad. The country was seen as drifting aimlessly between unrest and repression.

Dr Worrall's homecoming, and the partial lifting of the veil on his political plans, was the main story in all the leading liberal English-language Sunday papers here. It was treated somewhat less rapturously, but still given prominence, in *Rapport*, the main Afrikaans Sunday newspaper.

The general indifference of blacks, who tend to see all white politics as an endless re-

General Hendrik van den Bergh, head of South Africa's Bureau of State Security (BOSS) in the 1970s, has announced plans to run for Parliament as a member of the right-wing Conservative Party (Reuter reports from Johannesburg). The Conservative Party opposes all moves to reform apartheid.

arranging of deck-chairs on the Titanic, was reflected in the dismissive coverage in the Sunday issue of *City Press*, written mainly by and for blacks, which relegated the event to three brief paragraphs at the bottom of page one.

Dr Worrall said that, in his campaign, he would put a point of view that would be different form that of the ruling National Party (NP), which he formerly represented in Parliament, and that of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the main party to the left of the Government.

His aim would be to show that there was substantial white popular support, "a real mandate", for ending apartheid, by which he meant "the elimination of all statutory distinction based on race", and for addressing the vital issue of black political rights.

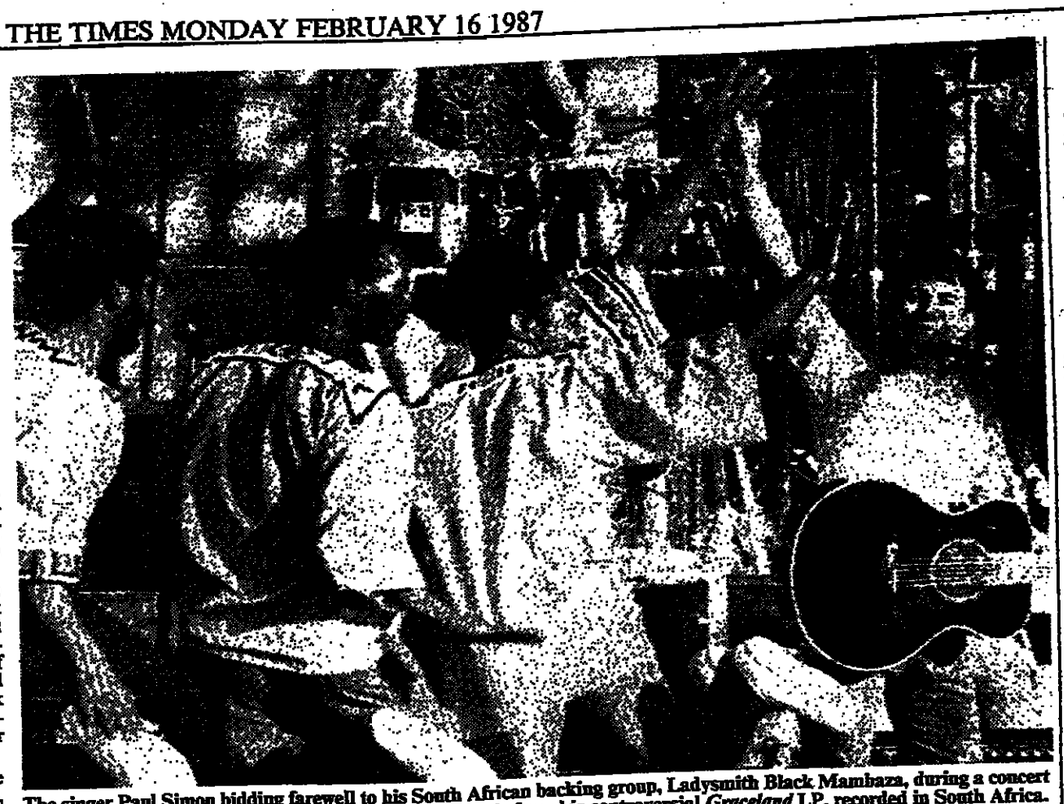
The betting here is that Dr Worrall will probably decide to pit himself against Mr Stoffel Botha, the Minister of Home Affairs and leader of the NP in Natal province, in his Port Natal constituency.

Dr Worrall made clear on Saturday his strong support for the proposals of the Natal *indaba*, or constitutional conference, which at the end of last year produced a detailed blueprint for a form of black majority rule in Natal, qualified by protective devices for whites and other minorities.

There is speculation here that the Natal sugar barons, who supported the *indaba* proposals, could provide the financial backing for Dr Worrall.

There has been no official comment yet on Dr Worrall's decision to stand as an independent. Nor has there been any reaction from Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the PFP. It is thought likely, however, that the PFP and the smaller New Republic Party (NRP), which is also to the left of the Government, would decide not to compete against Dr Worrall in Port Natal.

Both Mr Eglin and Dr Worrall appear to share the view that Dr Worrall, and Mr Wynand Malan, who defected recently from the NP and will also be running as an independent, could establish a beachhead which other dissidents in the NP might rally to after the election.



The singer Paul Simon bidding farewell to his South African backing group, Ladysmith Black Mambaza, during a concert before 20,000 people in Harare yesterday featuring music from his controversial *Graceland* LP, recorded in South Africa.

School games hit by boycott

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The inter-schools athletic meeting at a whites-only state high school in Pretoria, from which a black Natal schoolboy had been barred, went ahead on Saturday with reduced attendance.

About 100 of the 340 Natal school athletes who had intended to take part in the games withdrew in protest and the number of spectators was about half what it has been in past years.

There were no medals or trophies for the winners of the various events as these were taken back by the sponsor of the games, the Sports Foundation of Southern Africa, when it learned of the exclusion of the black athlete.

Meanwhile, Nkululeko "Squeegee" Skweyiya, aged 18 yesterday, took part on Saturday in a rival meeting, arranged at short notice in Durban's King's Park Stadium, with many of the athletes from other Natal schools who boycotted the Pretoria games.

"Squeegee" — the name was devised by his white schoolfellows at Kearsney College, near Durban, who could not pronounce his real one — said yesterday: "Initially, my banning because I was black was a real slap in the face. I could not believe it, I felt a little humiliated.

"It is pathetic and ridiculous, but my parents prepared me for this kind of thing. They explained the kind of things that would happen to me and told me it was no good getting angry about it. Things will eventually sort themselves out. I have all the patience in the world."

"Squeegee" is the son of a Durban advocate, one of the small class of well-off blacks who can afford to send their children to fee-paying private schools.

Theatre for show trial in Israel

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A computerized, high-tech show trial opens in a converted Jerusalem theatre today, when the state of Israel will try to prove that a rather jolly-looking retired car worker from Cleveland, Ohio, is really "Ivan the Terrible", the mass executioner of up to 900,000 people in the Nazi extermination camp of Treblinka.

The prosecution has asked for the death penalty for war crimes and crimes against humanity, the only offences for which capital punishment is retained in Israel.

The defendant is Mr John Demjanjuk, now aged 67 and, despite 50 weeks in an Israeli prison since his extradition from the United States, still obviously a powerful man with a bull neck and a strong forearm.

His show trial, more than a quarter of a century after that of Adolf Eichmann, comes at a time when Israeli leaders have been anxious to reawaken public consciousness about the Holocaust.

It will be run live and in full on Israeli radio while the court is sitting in its two daily sessions for what the prosecution believes will be at least six months. The Justice Ministry has agreed to suspend normal procedure to allow the trial to be photographed in its entirety by film and television cameras.

The improvised courtroom is starkly bare, more as a result of the Government's economic austerity programme than any wish to provide an appropriate background to the stark, bare, inhuman tragedy which will be unfolded in evidence by the 62 witnesses scheduled to be called.

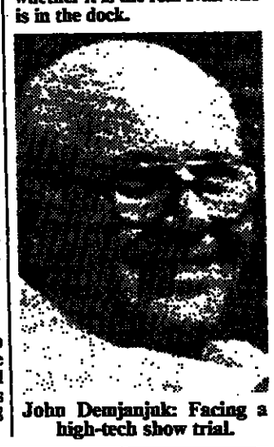
There are only eight known survivors of Treblinka, but written evidence from those no longer living is also to be allowed under a special clause in the 1950 Nazi and Nazi Collaborators (Punishment) Law.

Proceedings will be translated simultaneously from Hebrew into English — particularly for the benefit of the American defence laywer, Mr Mark O'Connor — and into Ukrainian.

Between them they are said to have raised $1 million to pay for the defence of a man they claim is the victim of a KGB plot to discredit Ukrainian Americans.

Mr O'Connor has already said he does not mean to contest 95 per cent of the evidence. "The crimes of Treblinka are well known, but we are not going to admit those," he said. "The point is that this is not the man of the indictment."

The indictment runs to 13 sections, occupying 17 pages in Hebrew and 26 pages in English translation. They tell in painful detail the undenied crimes of "Ivan the Terrible". The court has to decide whether it is the real Ivan who is in the dock.



John Demjanjuk: Facing a high-tech show trial.

Guerrilla rampage kills 13

Dhaka — Tribal guerrillas rampaged through a remote Bangladesh village at the weekend, killing at least 13 people and making more than 100 others homeless in the latest separatist violence in south-eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts Province, local police reported yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Earlier, authorities said that eight Bengalis, including five children, died in the assault on Saturday night on the Bengali village of Kumaripara in Khagrachari district, near the Indian Tripura state border.

Rescue workers yesterday found five more bodies in a gutted schoolhouse where several people had taken shelter to escape shooting.

Leading lady

Lucerne (Reuter) — Eva Segmueller-Weber, aged 55, became the first woman to head a leading Swiss political party when she was named chairman of the Christian Democrats.

Film award

Monte Carlo (Reuter) — A Japanese documentary about the Chernobyl nuclear disaster won the top award at the 27th Monte Carlo International Television Festival.

Short horns

Delhi (AFP) — India's wildlife experts plan to sheer off the horns of rhinoceroses — believed by many to be an aphrodisiac — to stop widespread slaughter of the animals in north-eastern India.

Hard times

Peking (AFP) — The Finance Minister, Mr Wang Bingqian, called yesterday for a campaign to boost production and promote austerity through the spirit of plain living and hard work.

Papers seized

Taipei (AFP) — Taiwan authorities have seized 6,000 copies of a new opposition newspaper which had not been registered with the Government, opposition and government sources said.

Heartless

Hong Kong (AFP) — Two armed men seized a necklace and ring set with heart-shaped diamonds in a Valentine's Day robbery worth $HK 7.8 million (£666,000).

García defends raids on Lima's universities

From A Correspondent, Lima

The Peruvian Government is facing sharp criticism from the opposition for sending police into three universities in Lima on Friday. President Alan Garcia says the campuses were being used as refuges for subversives.

After the raids, the Interior Minister, Señor Abel Salinas, displayed a cache consisting of one automatic weapon, 18 handguns, home-made explosives, dynamite and stacks of propaganda in support of the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas and other, smaller groups, which was confiscated during the operation.

Señor Salinas said that 4,000 police took part in the raids on student dormitories and faculty buildings, arresting 793 people found sleeping there early on February 13. The day after the operation 264 people were released while another 420 were still under investigation. The police formally brought charges against 109 people. Señor Salinas said that known terrorists were hiding on campus, recruiting, training and staging operations from there.

Two civilians and three policemen were seriously wounded in the raids. A watchman at the San Marcos University medical faculty died of his wounds later. University officials said that a further 25 students were also wounded.

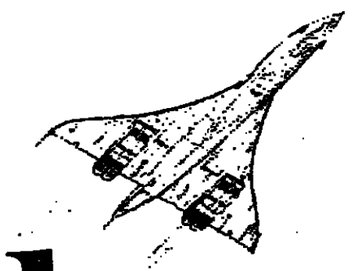
The Government took special precautions against accusations of human rights violations. Observers from the Attorney-General's office accompanied the police during the operation. Doctors, lawyers, university officials and opposition parliamentarians visited detainees over the weekend.

The three higher education centres — San Marcos, the Engineering University and the University of Education, outside Lima — have long been centres of radical politics. Groups supporting armed struggle to overthrow the Government have their own bulletin boards and wall newspapers on the San Marcos campus.

University autonomy, which bans the police from campuses, has been a rallying cry of liberal politics for 75 years in Latin America, and the Peruvian opposition has been quick to condemn the intervention as a violation of that principle.

In justification, Señor Salinas said: "Having arms and explosives constitutes a crime which no university autonomy can protect."

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Chaos looms as rebels battle on against an isolationist Rangoon

BURMA
Part 1

In the first of two articles from Rangoon, Michael Hamlyn examines the consequences of Burma's self-imposed isolation, and the difficult choices now facing the left-wing military Government.

The mild and unprotesting Burmese people, who will next month celebrate the silver jubilee of the seizure of power by a left-wing military junta, and who have been suffering in painful isolation since, now face the prospect of severe chaos to come.

Unless steps are taken soon to bring their isolation to an end and restore some sense to the country's politics and economics, observers fear that renewed bitter civil war could lead to Burma becoming another field of conflict between the Chinese and Vietnamese communists.

After having been ruled by a series of kings of varying degrees of bloodthirstiness, many of whom conducted a massacre of their relatives on assuming power (often by encasing them in sacks and having them trampled by sacred white elephants in order to get round a religious injunction against the spilling of royal blood), the Burmese underwent 100 years or so of British colonial rule.

The first years of renewed independence after 1948 under the visionary Prime Minister, U Nu, degenerated into civil war as separatist hill tribes, having been promised a right to secede after 15 years, were denied it. The insurgent tribes reached the outskirts of Rangoon, the capital.

The Army, under General Ne Win, seized power in March 1962 and imposed an inflexible Chinese-style regime, with massive nationalization and a withdrawal from contact with the outside world. The Army has managed to drive the rebels back into the hills, but it has not so far had any success in gaining control of the borders with India, China, Laos or Thailand, which are all in rugged country and in insurgent hands.

The regime has not been espcially cruel, observers say, merely inefficient. The coup itself was almost bloodless, though thousands spent time in jail, and after a spell in exile in Bangkok U Nu was allowed back into the country, where he occupies his time translating Buddhist texts.

But an atmosphere of oppression has been generated by the establishment of a network of village and ward committees of the ruling party, the Burma Socialist Programme Party, who are required to report all visitors in and out of people's houses, and who often interfere in the detail of people's lives.

"If you are a journalist, I shall have to be careful talking to you," said one Rangoon citizen anxious to tell me of the Government's oppression, "because you are probably being followed."

There are no opposition



U Ne Win: most charismatic of the leaders.

parties, no student unions. Newspapers are under government ownership and are in any case pathetic imitations of genuine news sheets.

But the Ne Win Government is now a group of ageing warhorses: U Ne Win himself is 76 years old. He is chairman of the BSP party and still is much the most charismatic of the country's leaders. He enjoys a good deal of respect, but people who have met him say that he is beginning to show his age.

What happens when he leaves the scene is now the subject of much speculation. He has made elaborate arrangements for his succession. A close colleague for many years, General San Yu, has been appointed President and, perhaps more significantly, depaty chairman of the party.

But U San Yu, though only 69, is a good deal less healthy than his chief. He has had kidney trouble and has also been undergoing treatment for a heart problem.

There is also an impression among observers of the Burmese scene that all is not well within the ranks of the Army. The present rulers came to senior military rank without the benefit of much education, but simply through experience of fighting the British or the Japanese or both. But a proper defence college was established in 1954 and its first products have now reached positions of senior command.

They have not enjoyed witnessing the inability of their troops to stand up to the heavily armed insurgents in the hills. The lack of arms and ammunition has, diplomats in Rangoon consider, meant that the Ne Win regime is unusually a military regime which has not looked after its Army's interests.

Recent fighting in Shan state led to the recapture of Kyu Hkok, a border town which had been in rebel hands for 17 years, and has been a cause of some satisfaction, but the casualties were extraordinarily high — more than 770 people were officially admitted to have been killed — and senior officers are reported to have considered them unnecessary if they had been adequately equipped.

While in Rangoon the industrialized countries, particularly Japan and West Germany, vie to buy themselves a stake in post-Ne Win Burma with large aid projects, the real battle may well be fought in the hills.

The Communist Party leads the biggest armed insurgency. It has recently lost the favour of the Chinese rulers and is rumoured to be moving closer to the Vietnamese. Vietnamese or Laotian bodies and equipment were said to have been discovered after the capture of Kyu Hkok.

But the BCP is the only nationally organized body in opposition to the regime. It has recently been attempting to put together an alliance of all the insurgent forces in the different tribal areas, offering a role for the tribal groups in a federal Burma.

A combined opposition and a divided Government after U Ne Win goes is a certain recipe for disaster in Burma.

Tomorrow: Economic crisis



Tamil militants in Jaffna, Sri Lanka, waging a four-year war for a separate homeland in the Sinhalese-dominated island, gripping cyanide capsules in their teeth. More than 200 Tamil rebels have taken the capsules rather than be captured by government troops.

Minister sacked in Punjab

Delhi (AFP) — A rebellious minister in the Punjab Government was sacked yesterday, and two more people were reported to have been killed in Sikh separatist-related violence in the northern Indian state.

The Punjab Governor, Mr Siddharth Shankar Ray, dismissed Mr Harbhajan Singh Sandhu, the Agriculture Minister, for pledging his loyalty to a new Sikh party established by the separatist-backed high priests of Sikhdom two weeks ago, the Press Trust of India said.

Punjab's Chief Minister and leader of the moderate Sikh Akali Dal party, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, who advised Mr Sandhu's dismissal, views the setting up of the new party, the Unified Akali Dal, as an effort to topple him from power.

Meanwhile, three suspected Sikh militants yesterday shot dead a resident of Rasoolpur village, about 12 miles from the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, police said.

In Faridkot district on Saturday, unidentified gunmen killed a farmer in Chaudhagywala village, the Press Trust of India said.

The killings brought to 110 the number who have died this year in violence arising from the campaign by Sikh militants for an independent homeland in India's only predominantly Sikh state.

● **Support holds:** The beleaguered Mr Barnala has withstood the pressure of the high priests at Amritsar to resign, while 36 members of the Akali Dal have refused to withdraw their support from Mr Barnala in spite of the threat of being excommunicated by the high priests (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The high priests had fixed noon on Saturday as the deadline for the Akali legislators, but only six, including Mr Harbhajan Singh Sandhu, who said he could not disobey the high priests representing the Akali Takt, have gone over to the high priests.

In a house of 117 members, Mr Barnala retains the support of 36 of the Akali Dal, 31 of the Congress (I) party, five of the Bhartiya Janata Party, and one each from the Communist Party and Janata, as well as the four independent members, but his strength within the party has been halved.

The fight against Aids

Campaign divides Brazil's bishops

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Roman Catholic Church leaders in São Paulo, Brazil's most populous archdiocese, are developing plans to build a hospital dedicated to the treatment of victims of Aids.

The project to build a 45-bed hospital was initiated by one of Brazil's most influential clergymen, the Archbishop of São Paulo, Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns.

The World Health Organization recently listed Brazil, with 1,012 Aids cases since 1982, as the nation with the third highest incidence of the virus. A year ago Brazil was in sixth place.

Sixty per cent of the cases have been diagnosed in São Paulo. Two priests, reportedly infected with the virus, have died in the past two years.

Cardinal Arns cited the alarming spread of the disease and the lack of accurate information as reasons for the church's involvement in trying to combat Aids.

The Brazilian Catholic Church has recently spoken out in favour of caring for Aids victims, who it says suffer from the stigma and misinformation that lepers suffered centuries ago. However, the Catholic hierarchy is sharply divided on how to go about a health campaign.

To conservative churchmen, Aids is regarded as a divine punishment against the promiscuous and homosexuals. They have called for improvements in medical and sanitary practices, as well as a clean-up of morals.

Cardinal Eugenio Sales, the conservative Archbishop of Rio, said a government educational campaign that counsels use of condoms only "foments the principal source of contamination", homosexuality and the swapping of partners.

So-called progressive bishops, led by Cardinal Arns, have attempted to tread a delicate theological line. They have obeyed Catholic doctrine, which condemns practices such as homosexuality, sex outside of marriage, and artificial birth control (prophylactics). Yet, instead of public condemnations, they have called for more "self-discipline" in sexual relations.

They also have argued for deeper church engagement in "consciousness-raising" to alert the public to the dangers of Aids.

Iceland set to lead way in testing for virus

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

The tiny and constantly astonishing nation of Iceland could be the first in the world to identify virtually every man or woman within its borders who might be infected by, or carrying, the Aids virus.

Two obvious reasons are the country's small island population — barely 250,000 — and a high level of technical expertise. Those factors have already enabled the Government to isolate an entire generation of women of child-bearing age to test for immunity or to immunize against German measles.

A similar project to deal with Aids would involve voluntary blood tests for all those aged between 15 and 65, and would take two to three years.

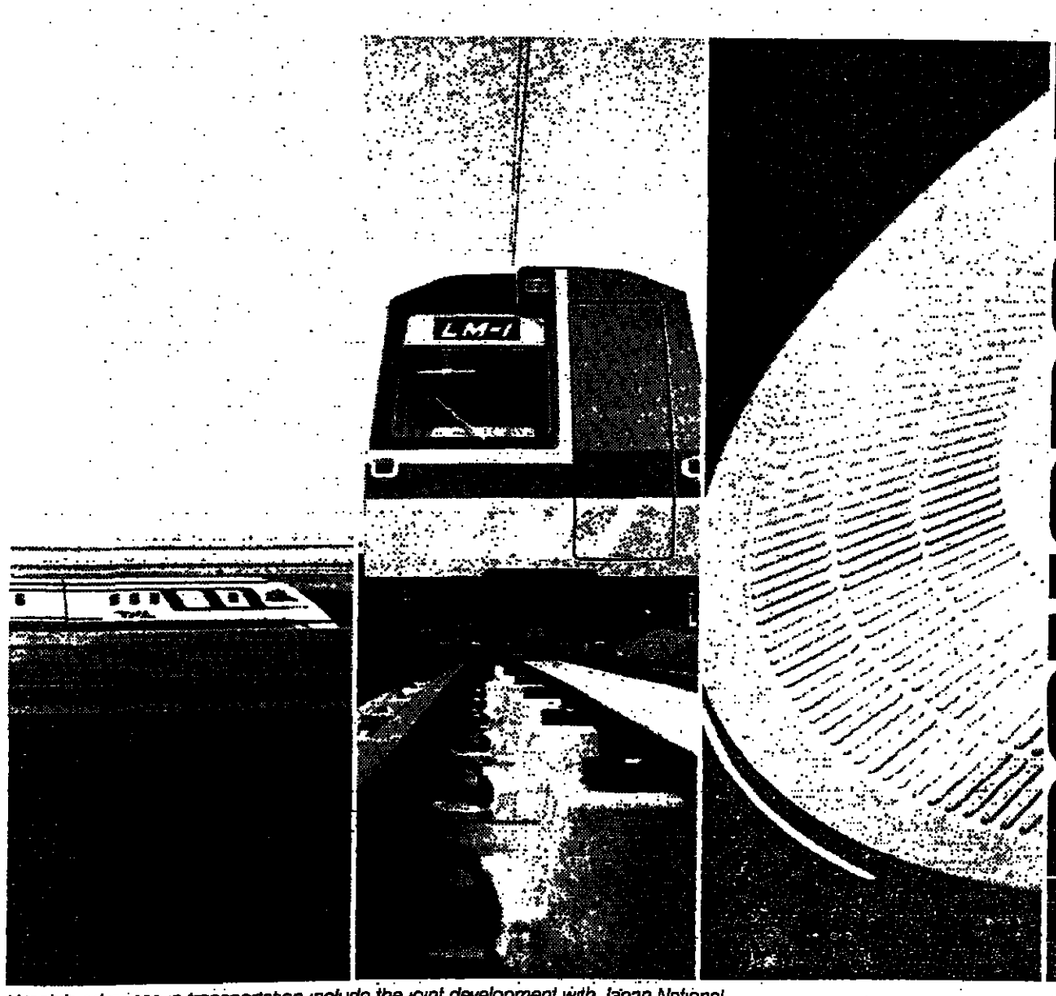
Latest statistics show that Iceland, with about 30 infected so far, is proportionately the fifth most infected country in Europe in relation to its population, after Switzerland, Denmark, Belgium and France. Sweden is comes ninth and Norway 12th.

All the Nordic countries have been notable for the frankness of their information campaigns. Free condoms are already on offer in Icelandic nightclubs and Norway has attracted favourable attention with posters displaying a wryly humorous, unmistakeably phallic, cartoon character taking the appropriate precautions.

Newspapers have carried a series of explicit photographs in which couples of all sexual persuasions in various stages of courtship are warned of the potential consequences of their behaviour: "A bit on the side can give you Aids," warns one example.

Iceland has also appointed an official homosexual "spokesman" to co-ordinate the Aids information campaign in the homosexual community.

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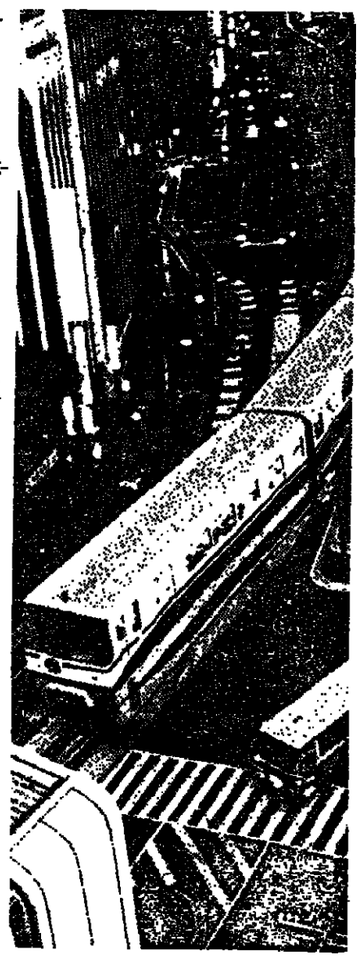
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RESEARCH AND PROSPERITY
Part 1: Left behind

If Britain is to enter the next century as a wealth-creating nation, the crucial role of research and development must be recognized now. In the first of a four-part series, *The Times* pinpoints the reasons for our decline and seeks a formula for a brighter future

● *On Thursday the House of Lords will debate the report of its select committee on science and technology into British research and development. The report, released last month, demonstrates that Britain is in the midst of an invisible crisis. It is as serious as the old evils of high inflation (now conquered) or trade union power (now curtailed). It threatens the country's whole future: everyone will be affected by it, yet few people even know it exists.*

● *It is a crisis of research and development, of science and technology; dull words, perhaps, but they are vital to our ability to make things, and therefore to create wealth. In the past 10 years, since the development of the silicon chip, Britain has, on the whole, failed to understand that whereas technological mastery was once an advantage, it is now an essential. This is taken for granted by all our major competitors.*

● *It is not only mature nations like the United States and Japan which show every sign of entering the 21st century having left Britain far behind. Emergent ones like South Korea and Taiwan are on the same road; if it were not so, why would that "British" success story, the Amstrad home computer, be made in Taiwan?*

● *Britain has declined further, and faster, as a manufacturing nation than the US, Germany, Japan or France. The indicators of crisis are clear: British manufacturing's contribution to our gross domestic product fell from 32 per cent in 1960 to 22 per cent in 1984*

● *Since 1980, and among the same nations, Britain is the only one to have reduced its research and development spending as a percentage of gross domestic product*

● *It is a measure of the British attitude that the UK, unlike other countries, has not been able to supply the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris with a regular annual figure for its gross expenditure on R & D, a fact that OECD officials privately find "incredible".*

● *Both the private sector, with notable exceptions, and successive governments, are culpable. But what can, and should, be done? The Times examines the causes of collapse and listens to the prescription for recovery.*

James H. Stallings Jnr



Dr Bruce Merrifield: "Whoever is generating new technology will conquer the market place"

These are the words of a prophet: "Technology is now the engine driving the world economy; the innovation process has become more important than anything else."

No booming voice, flowing robes or long lease on a cave for Dr Bruce Merrifield: he makes do with an amiable matter-of-fact tone, a business suit and an office on the fourth floor of the US Department of Commerce building in Washington. But he is indeed considered a prophet; and what he is saying about the near future and the world in which we already find ourselves is Biblical in its weight.

He is the Reagan administration's Assistant Secretary for Productivity, Technology and Innovation and the western world's most enthusiastic carrier of the message that something huge is happening to the way we create wealth.

This is his message: for 200 years, large numbers of people have earned their living through the making of things in factories, and the ways in which this has been organized have remained largely unchanged. Now they have suddenly become inadequate. A new element has been introduced whose influence has slowly gathered force until now it is poised to carry all before it: the theory of continuous change.

Merrifield, a lean, bright-eyed man looking a decade younger than his 65 years, spends his time pointing this out to the American government, public, and business community, both employers and employed. It is fair to say they have by now grasped the essential point. The British Government, public, and business community, it can well be argued, have not.

So consider a tale of two cameras.

Anyone over 30 will remember the Brownie 127, the workhorse of family photography in the Britain of the Fifties and early Sixties. Designed and made by Kodak Ltd, the British subsidiary of the US photographic giant, it was cheap, simple and easy to use, with a fixed aperture, shutter speed and depth-of-field, and it sold in millions.

Its equivalent today would be the Canon Autofocus, the "automatic everything" camera of the giant Japanese company. (There are a number of such models on the market now, of course, but Canon's was the first.) It is not cheap or simple, but it is easy to use, because its internal workings are of great sophistication, and it too has sold in millions.

The Brownie 127 was produced from 1952 to 1964 and in those twelve years there was *one* model change, the Model Two which appeared in 1959 with a very slightly modified lens.

The Canon Autofocus has been in production since 1979. Up to last year — just over half the life of the 127 — there had been *five* model changes, each an upgrading of the last, to take account of technological developments. (If you count the AF35ML, a model with a different focusing system, the number of changes is six). And there will soon be more.

'R and D is absolutely essential for survival'

Canon is not doing this for fun, and it is far from cheap. In 1985 alone the company spent £66 million, nearly 10 per cent of its turnover, at its research and development centre in Atsugi, outside Tokyo.

But, although it is the world's biggest manufacturers of 35mm cameras, it has to do it to remain in business: to continue selling its products. Electronic engineering is developing so quickly that if it does not produce every couple of years a camera which can do more than the last one, Olympus or Minolta or another of its rivals will.

Behind it all lies the microchip, that postage-stamp-sized square of silicon with a complete computer on it, developed a decade ago. The microprocessor opened up, increased and hastened technological change. Every industry has been affected by it: now every industry is changing all the time.

"Life cycles have collapsed," says Merrifield. "What fuelled the world economy in the past were products or processes that had a 10-to-20 -year life, or more. These are now down to three to five years, or even less, in consumer electronics, and rarely more than five to 10 years at the most in other areas. What this means is quite simple: whoever is generating new technology will conquer the market place. Technology is now the engine driving the world economy."

Merrifield says that industrial management has become the management of change and that industrial competitiveness means the mastery of three ideas:

● The innnovation process itself, meaning the development of new products and the realization of the urgent need to accelerate the process:

● The lifelong, continuous, reskilling of the workforce. "Any set of skills can now be obsolescent in five to 10 years, just as a product can be."

● The move to computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM), an arcane, as yet little-known field which is Merrifield's speciality and represents the fact that continuous change not only affects what we make, but also the way we it.

Manufacturing is about to undergo a revolution. It is giving us the factory of the future: the make-anything factory.

Automated plants can now be built which at the substitution of one master computer program for another will retool themselves virtually instantly. A production line set up to make pulleys, say, can be programmed to make doorknobs in a matter of minutes; a process that until now might have taken a month.

"The manufacturing facility of the very near future, within five to 10 years, will become computer-integrated flexible," Merrifield says. "A given plant will make hundreds of products for different companies and different industries, serving hundreds of different niche markets. It will run for 35 minutes on one thing, 20 minutes on another. Manufacturing itself will become a service function."

But make-anything factories will not mean a contraction of manufacturing; on the contrary, Merrifield sees a vast expansion, based on the innovation process, on new products, on research and development.

"CIM will remove the barrier that manufacturing currently is to entering the marketplace. If you're a little company at the moment, to come up with a new product you build a plant to make 10 times more than you can sell, and you have a negative cash flow, and in the meantime somebody else has come along and your product is obsolete. But if you can just buy time on a manufacturing facility you can enter the marketplace immediately, at zero cost."

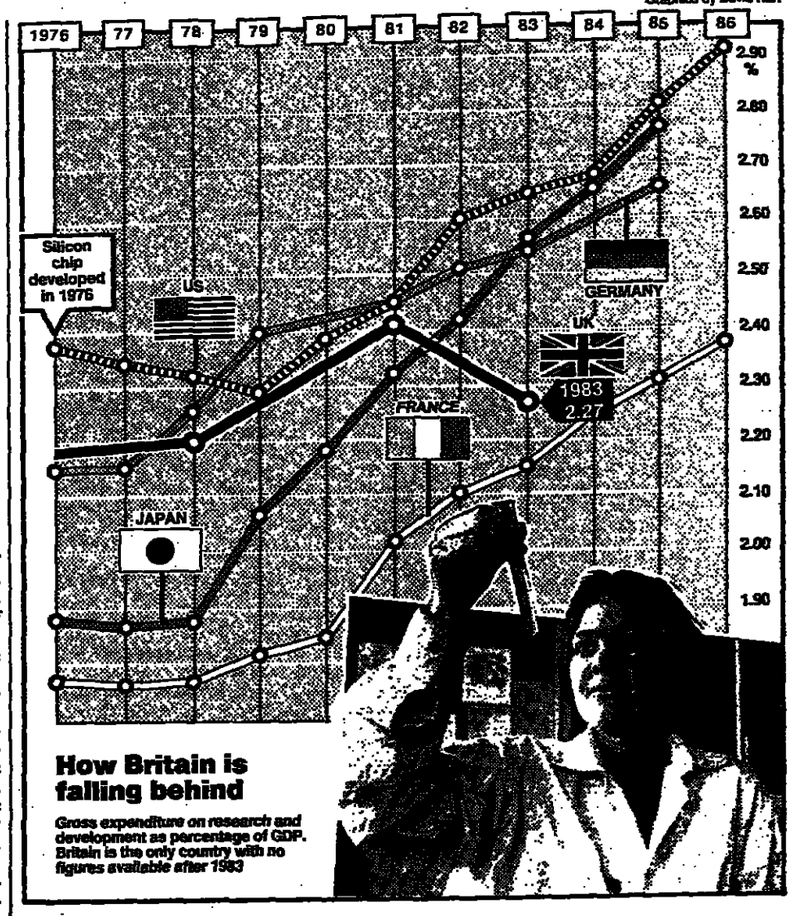
Merrifield is in no doubt about the speed with which CIM will be upon us, and manufacturing itself change into a service. "This wheel has already been invented. There is no question that manufacturing industry is undergoing profound change, and we are on the threshold of a new industrial revolution which is going to far exceed anything that notion could connotate in the past.

"It is already here, it is going to accelerate, it is going to happen with us or without us, and it had better happen with us. If a country doesn't realize this is going to happen, your manufacturing will be done by somebody else for you."

And it follows naturally, he says, that research and development is now by far the most important industrial priority. "It's absolutely essential for survival. It is the single most important thing. In any nation, R & D in excess of 3 per cent of the gross national product is now required for survival and growth. The Japanese, of course, are in excess of that. The US is spending nearly 2.8 per cent and it probably will hit 3 per cent."

Reminded that the UK, far from nearing the 3 per cent target, is falling further behind it — alone among the leading industrialized countries — Merrifield gives a rueful smile. "A nation that does not accord the utmost importance to R & D has made a decision not to be in business in five to 10 years."

Graphics by David Hart



How Britain is falling behind

Gross expenditure on research and development as percentage of GDP. Britain is the only country with no figures available after 1983

Losing the race for industrial survival

'Britain lags behind to an astonishing extent'

Britain accords the least importance to research and development of any of the world's five leading industrial countries. The Gerd graph above tells the sorry tale. Gerd stands for gross expenditure on research and development, and represents a country's total R & D spending, public and private, civil and military. The graph shows Gerd as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), the best way to indicate the priority given to R & D.

A startling fact is immediately clear: while Britain's four competitors head steadily towards the 3 per cent figure regarded as essential for industrial survival (indeed Japan may already have passed it) Britain is heading the other way.

Gerd takes as its starting point 1976, the year of the development of the silicon chip, the event which more than any other pushed technology into its now dominant place in the world economy. It will be seen that as the "technology factor" began to increase in importance in the late Seventies, the R & D spending of the US, Japan, West Germany and France began to rise — and has not stopped rising. It has increased as a percentage of GDP every year since 1979 for the US; every year since 1977 for Japan; every year since 1977 for West Germany; and every year since 1978 for France.

In Britain, however, it has fallen from 2.42 per cent in 1981 to 2.27 per cent in 1983, the last year for which a figure is available. There is even less cause for comfort when the 1983 figure is examined.

It would seem on the surface to indicate that we are not all that far behind our main industrial competitors; indeed, Britain is ahead of France. However, the figure includes defence R & D, of which Britain does vastly more than any of the others except the US. If we extract the figures for civil R & D, they show that Britain not only holds the wooden spoon, but is behind to an astonishing extent. Civil R & D was 1.6 per cent of gross domestic product in the UK in 1983; 1.7 per cent in France; 1.9 per cent in the US; 2.5 per cent in West Germany; and 2.5 per cent in Japan.

West Germany, our main competitor in Europe, spends nearly half as much again as we do on industrial research and development. And in absolute terms, the relative position of the UK is significantly worse than these figures suggest because Britain's GDP is lower than that of the other countries.

The other startling fact immediately visible from the Gerd graph is the scantiness of the data on Britain. Officials of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris are privately scathing and incredulous at the lack of effort Britain makes in assembling R & D statistics.

Although the amounts the Government spends are now readily available — through the *Annual Review of Government Funded R & D* — it is much more difficult to get accurate figures of what is being spent by private industry, and so assemble a complete picture. The Department of Trade and Industry conducts a full survey only every four years, with partial updates biennially; the figures for 1985 will not be ready until later this year.

The House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology commented in the report which the Lords will debate on Thursday: "The statistical information relating to industrial R & D needs to be significantly upgraded." The DTI's quadrennial surveys, it said, were "an imperfect base for policy making". The Lords' report suggested that companies should be compelled to declare their R & D expenditure in their annual reports.

The only recent indications of the pattern of British research and development spending, therefore, come from the accounts of the Government's own disbursements in the *Annual Review*. They present absolutely no reassurance. Total government R & D expenditure, civil and military, was £3.98 billion in the year ended April 1984; £4.26 billion in the year ended April 1985; and £4.58 billion in the year ended April 1986.

Expressed as a percentage of GDP, those figures are 1.3; 1.3; and yes, 1.3. Competitors are climbing towards the target; Britain remains firmly on the ground.

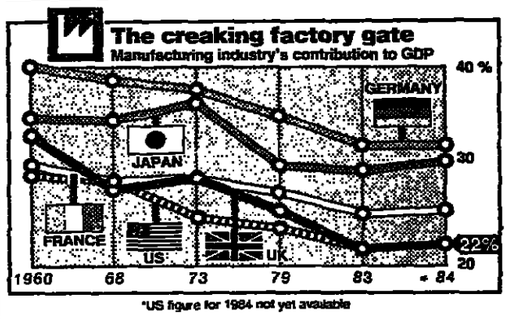


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The creaking factory gate
Manufacturing industry's contribution to GDP



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Hairdressing is not enough

The technology race is the last one British manufacturing can afford to lose; that defeat would confirm, and probably make permanent, the country's industrial decline.

Britain's manufacturing decline has been worse than any other leading industrial nation: since the first oil shock in 1973 output has dropped by 20 per cent. In 1983 Britain went into deficit in its trade in manufactures for the first time since the Roman occupation.

The British prejudice against "metal-bashing" industry is reinforced by a general feeling that the move to a service economy is inevitable. Banking, hairdressing, tourism, catering — these will be the job-providers of the future.

They may indeed provide many of the jobs, but they will not create all the wealth. Our major industrial competitors all realize that in the year 2000 and beyond, manufacturing industry will still be supremely important. Yet it will be dominated by exactly those hi-tech sectors in which Britain is falling behind: microchips, computers and telecommunications equipment.

To make them, new "smart" machinery and production systems will be essential. American companies are already investing more than £10 billion annually in preparation.

Snowballs thrown at hell

The writing, says Lord Gregson, is on the laboratory wall — invest in technology or die

Lord Gregson is a man who frequently has the various ministers and officials responsible for Britain's survival in the computer age squirming in their seats. But after six years of monitoring government policy on science and technology, the future, he predicts, is gloomy, edging on disastrous.

The combination of an anti-technology tradition, lack of long-term investment in research and development, and the low numbers of technology lecturers and graduates, has brought the day of reckoning "pretty damn near".

His credentials are impressive. Together with Lords Sherfield and Shackleton, he founded the House of Lords' science and technology subcommittees. With no political axe to grind, the committees have continually warned the Government that Britain is failing to keep up in a world where technology is expanding in quantum leaps.

He describes himself as "an industrialist with a technological background". He is an architect of Labour's industrial policy; chairman of Labour's finance and industry group; a director of Fairey, making advanced electronic control systems; a director on the board of British Steel; and a member of the council of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

"The United Kingdom is now technologically obsolescent," Lord Gregson says. "If we do not constantly inject technology into manufacturing products then we can only slide downmarket. We finish up competing with Third World countries and cease to compete at the top with the economically developed world."

Mrs Thatcher's governments have not been bad at basic research spending, but money is not spent on drawing the research through to the crucial development stage. He says the average project time for developing a new process is 10 years. "Unless we do spend on development there is no economic return for the research. The Government has laid the seed bed without sowing the seeds".

Lord Gregson also accused British industry of having an appalling record of spending on education and training: "We provide a lower percentage of our population with a university education than any other developed country. To make matters worse, a smaller number of our graduates are technologists. In fact if we taught languages better, then our brain drain would turn into a deluge.

"The great enigma is why are we still in existence? And how long can we live on our past? I think the day of reckoning is pretty damn near — as evidenced by the deteriorating trade figures. We are throwing snowballs at hell to keep it out."

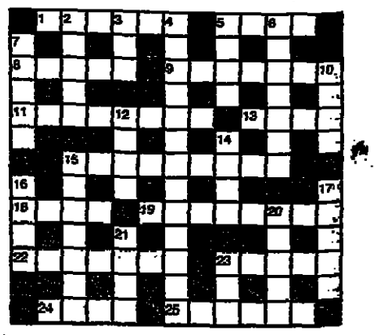
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Back from the brink

Rosemary Ross Skinner is an alcoholic, but her frightening fantasies of drunkenness are over. She talks to Sally Brompton about the bad times and the pleasures of sober reality

Rosemary Ross Skinner was in her mid-forties when she had her first drink. It was on the night her father died and she remembers it clearly, sitting on a bench in the garden in the moonlight sipping a glass of wine in total misery. Two years later she was dying of alcoholism.

The fact that Ross Skinner, now aged 47, is alive today is due to her sons, who tracked down an alcoholism and drug addiction clinic in the West Country and booked her in, sharing the cost of £6,000 between them. For six weeks she had group therapy and counselling, reliving in agonizing detail the horrors of the previous months, being forced to remember events which she would have given anything to be able to forget.

"You live in a fantasy world while you're drinking and the first thing they tried to do was to bring us down to earth with a tremendous bump," she says. "They strip you bare emotionally, so you are forced to admit in public every single thing you've ever done so you can start afresh. You've got to decide what is truth and what is fiction because all addicts have been steeped in fiction. I was telling the truth as I saw it, but I kept having to rethink it again and again. It was like peeling an onion."

When the treatment ended she was raw from the experience, her most intimate secrets exposed to herself and the group of fellow addicts with whom she had shared this nightmare voyage of discovery. "Because you get to know people so well in a matter of days, everything is accentuated. I suppose I know the people I was with in that unit better than I know anyone other than my sons."

She emerged from the clinic recovered, if not cured, for she insists she is still "just one drink away from being a drunk again", and determined to write a book about the whole experience as a message of hope to other sufferers.

The result, *Horizon House: The True Story of an Alcoholic*, provides a compelling insight into a blighted life, tracing the path from personal devastation through the pain-barrier to survival. As the author points out, it is the story of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

"As chemical addiction is the third greatest killer disease in the world," she writes, *"being exceeded only by coronary failure and cancer, there is a probability, and a strong one, that every person who reads the book will be affected in some way by some variation of it during their lifetime."*

Her own life was unremarkable until she became addicted to alcohol. The only child of a lieutenant colonel in the British army, she spent much of her early life travelling with her parents. She got married young, to a Dorset farmer, and gave birth to four sons in swift succession; when her marriage broke up 17 years ago she moved to the pretty little cottage near Winchester where she still lives with her cat and her Great Dane, Sapphire. Her sons, now aged between 23 and 27, all live and work in London.

"I started drinking like so many people do — in the evenings when I was alone, just a couple of glasses of wine when I was tired at the end of the day. Then, within no time at all I found I was drinking much more. I used to buy a case of hock in litre bottles twice a week and put them in the garage, and it would depend on the circumstances how long that lasted."

She remembers how she used to hide the bottles: "All over the place — mostly in the bedroom cupboard. You just stick them in anywhere where you can feel they're handy. I remember thinking 'I can't be an alcoholic because I don't drink out of the bottle, I always have a glass'. But the time comes when you don't have a glass and you cut your mouth on those awful metal unscrew things.

"The worst thing was when I was having bad hallucinations. I saw plastic flowers and heard music and bells and people talking and none of it was real. That was hell on earth."



Sapphire and a will of steel: Rosemary Ross Skinner and the dog that saved her life

Her periods of blackout became more frequent and more dangerous — sometimes lasting 48 hours at a time. She awoke one night alone in a squalid tenement 20 miles from her home and found £10 tucked into her abandoned clothes. To this day she has no recollection of how she got there or what happened.

"I'd have died, undoubtedly, quite soon, quite quickly, because I'd really abandoned hope. I used to go to bed, close the curtains and not get up in the morning. I was too ill to commit suicide but I thought about it a lot." She was taken to Horizon House one weekend to begin the sentence which was to save her life.

"The days ran into each other in total confusion — a mixture of school and imprisonment — but even when I was very ill I knew I had lost my liberty. This, far beyond all physical pain, was real and heart-rending torment."

Initially, there were 10 other patients — six drug addicts, four alcoholics — but the ratio changed as people came and went. The counsellors were skilful, long-suffering and, occasionally, brutal. Based on the Minnesota method of treatment, made famous by the Betty Ford clinic in America, the inmates were treated entirely by psychology and without drugs.

The rules were strict and, for the most part, inflexible. Anyone who refused to co-operate was out. Anyone who left in mid-treatment would not be allowed back. When her mother suffered a stroke within the first 10 days of the treatment, Ross Skinner resisted all her natural instincts and forced herself to remain at the clinic. "I wanted to be with Mum although I knew I couldn't do anything," she says. "But I was afraid that if I left I wouldn't go back."

As the weeks passed, the camaraderie among the patients — who came from a cross-section of society — grew. Emotionally vulnerable, Ross Skinner was unprepared when one of the other patients, Peter, a naval officer, asked her to marry him. She was almost ready to accept when Peter died while attempting to save a youngster who had fallen over a cliff.

Within the controlled environment of the clinic, Ross Skinner was able to cope with the tragedy. Today, in retrospect, she puts the proposal in perspective, comparing it to a shipboard romance. "Things like that leave a certain scar but you go on and live with them," she says.

Writing the book was to an extent cathartic, she admits, but her motive was mainly to help other alcoholics whom she is firmly convinced are born, not made. Her message is: "Only when you are able to admit you need help will you be able to start on the road to recovery."

Her own treatment completed, she felt, she says, as if she had been to the moon. "It's such a cleansing experience that you really appreciate every little thing when you get home. The armchairs seemed fantastic. I was so happy to have possessions around me again."

She insists, however, that she is living on a knife edge, that one drink could push her right back to where she started. "I treat alcohol like you would treat cyanide. I won't even eat a rum truffle. But I don't say to myself 'How unfortunate that I can't have a Pimms', but 'How lucky that I can have a lemon and lime.'

"What a clinic like that does is to give back to you freedom of choice, which is what you've lost when you're an alcoholic because you need another drink to live."

She makes no attempt to remember details of the lost days, but occasionally snatches come back to her. It happened recently when she thought she had lost Sapphire, walking her down by the river late at night. "Then I felt her take my hand in her mouth and I suddenly remembered how she used to lead me back home when I was really bad. I'm sure she kept me alive because not only was there always Sapphire to try to look after, but I would wake up and find her lying beside me on the kitchen floor. Without her I'd have died of cold."

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Horizon House: The True Story of an Alcoholic *is published by Muller, Blond & White on February 23 (£9.95)*

Can Aids be kids' stuff?

Young children need to be taught that sex can kill — without putting them off for life

The Aids publicity campaign has already had an effect on my five-year-old daughter. She is suddenly fascinated by the subject of volcanoes — presumably it will be icebergs next. So far I have not been asked "Mummy, where does Aids come from?" but no doubt the time is near.

I have already told my two that they should kiss only their parents and grandparents on the lips — the reason, I explained, is that kissing spreads coughs and colds. I see no harm in trying to establish early on that intimate physical contact of any kind should be reserved for special people whom you love dearly.

On the other hand I don't want my children to become afraid of sex. And so far no one really knows what it will do to a generation to grow up with the knowledge that the most pleasurable experience in life may also be deadly.

But at what age should you start talking to children about Aids? The US Surgeon General, Dr Everett Koop, has suggested that children from the age of 10 should be given advice on how to avoid Aids — a suggestion that met with a lot of opposition.

'It's going to be difficult for many parents to talk'

Alison Hadley, information officer for the Brook Advisory Centres, admits that it is a tricky question. "As with all sex education, you have to take the needs not just of a particular age-group but of a particular child into account. To some extent you have to go on the interest a child shows. You do need to talk very openly about contraceptives and condoms, but it's going to be difficult for many parents."

This point is emphasized by the findings of a major study, *Education In Sex And Personal Relationships*, published last week. Carried out by Isobel Allen, a researcher at the Policy Studies Institute, it showed that many parents clearly have problems talking to children about sex. Virtually all parents thought schools should provide sex education.

Alison Hadley adds: "Our concern is also that it will have a damaging effect on young people's general sense of well being. If sex is associated with death it could produce all sorts of hang-ups."

Dr Prudence Tunnadine, director of the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine, admits that it is very hard to look into the future and predict the psychological impact of Aids.

She says: "My hope is that we may have been able to nip it in the bud in a way they haven't been able to in the States. If it puts fear back into sexual relationships it will make a big difference. All that Victorian stuff — anxieties about whether anything so lovely has got to be punished — is in danger of coming back. It shouldn't."

'Sex associated with death could produce hang-ups'

In any case, she doubts whether fear of Aids will act as an effective deterrent on the teenagers of today or tomorrow. "I've never believed in deterrents. They don't work on adolescents. They just make the frightened ones more frightened and the lively ones more likely to go ahead."

Instead she hopes that Aids will have a positive effect on sexual relationships. "We need to say what we should always have been saying — that people have to be choosy, not to have 'holy sex' but 'lost in each other' sex; that sex is a feeling about the person, not the body; that sex gets better as you get older and the best sex is something you've developed.

"We are not farmyard animals, where any partner will do. Sex should be lovely, but the more casually you regard sex the less likely you are to find it lovely."

And if Aids gives the next generation a chance to take this lesson to heart, she argues, it may in the end turn out to have a silver lining after all.

Lee Rodwell

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Dressed for the dock

Jerry Hall wore a Chanel outfit in court — but was the judge impressed?

Not so very long ago the problem of what to wear for court could be resolved by an appointment with your seamstress and a trip to Swan & Edgar for a pair of elbow-length kid gloves.

But debutantes are no longer required to curtsy before the Queen and the advice found within the pages of an etiquette manual on Court dress would have been of scant use to Texan model Jerry Hall when she was faced with a far more ominous kind of court appearance — before the bench, in Barbados.

The dilemma of what to wear is magnified a thousandfold when overshadowed by the notion, however unfounded, that an extra inch off the hemline or one too many unfastened shirt buttons just *might* make the difference between liberty and languishing at Her Majesty's Pleasure.

In 1963 the glamour-pusses of the Profumo case, Mandy Rice-Davies and Christine Keeler, were photographed going to and from court in a daily fashion parade of flagrantly feminine outfits. In the early Eighties Cristina De Lorean all but stole the headlines from her husband as she accompanied him to and from his court appearances. Dressed in a Beverly Hills Chic collection created specifically for the occasion of De Lorean's cocaine trial by Oscar de la Renta's protégé, Albert Caparo, she appeared every inch the model wife. John got off but it wasn't long before Cristina, having done her wifely duty, got out.



Models of propriety: Jerry Hall, left, and Mandy Rice-Davies

Soap operas play a major role in glamorizing the ordeal of a court appearance. Television addicts have been conditioned by Joan Collins's stints in the *Dynasty* dock (dressed in Louis Feraud) to expect immaculate coiffure, massive shoulder-pads and lashings of lipgloss, although it should be noted that when Miss Collins appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court last week she forsook designer glamour for a classic blazer, blouse and skirt.

But how to strike a balance between looking suspiciously dowdy and appearing as if one is living off ill-gotten gains? During her recent court appearances Mrs Cynthia Paine's wardrobe provided a variety of sober two-piece suits, offset with eye-catching blouses and pearls more redolent of Jam and Jerusalem than Cyn and sex. As the world knows, she was acquitted on all charges. New York madam Sydney Biddle Barrows, who paid a $3,000 fine after her brush with the law, says she yearned "to go out and buy something special for my trial, but by then I was broke". The *New York Post* described her nonetheless as "impeccably dressed in a grey suit, grey pumps, and a beige silk blouse demurely buttoned to the neck — her chic outfit spoiled only by the government-issue matching steel bracelets".

In reality, can what women wear in the witness box play any part in the verdict? London barrister Charlotte Friedman genuinely believes a client's choice of clothes has no bearing on a trial's outcome. "Wear something comfortable and quite straight," she recommends. "In my experience the last thing on a judge's mind is what my client's wearing."

On the day of her arrest Jerry Hall was in holiday mood in a short simple cotton shift, but by the time she got to court she was in Chanel from head to toe. Miss Hall has already pleaded to the world that "Chanel is my only vice".

Josephine Fairley

Adieu, days of leisure



PENNY PERRICK

It's the Morning After. Well, that is what the *Washington Post* reports and the *Washington Post* is a pretty big cheese.

What the *WP* means by the Morning After isn't what I always thought it was: a need to creep under the duvet with a carton of ice-cold orange juice and bleat pitifully from time to time.

No — what the Morning After now means is a clear-headed recognition of what life is all about: making a lot of money and wasting no time about it. Morning After people, says the *Washington Post*, work 15 hours a day and, when they eat out, order just a plate of grilled vegetables (I wonder what grilled carrots taste like) because their real meal of the day is the 6am working breakfast.

I had dinner (vegetarian Indian) with a Morning After person recently, a television executive who goes running every evening. She was making a film on surrogate pregnancy and we both felt that this could become a very Morning After issue. For it seems that hard-working married women are beginning to feel that they can't schedule into their Filofaxes the nine months that it takes a pregnancy to run its course. It is therefore possible that they will hire less career-minded women's bodies to bear their babies for them.

This is approaching a situation not unlike that in Margaret Atwood's last novel, *The Handmaid's Tale*. I was quite relieved to hear that this book is in the running for a science-fiction award — it makes it seem less like real life.

I found another sign of the Morning After when I picked up a press release about a new book on astrology. It doesn't tell you that Pisceans should always dress in red and be on the look-out for a tall handsome stranger. What this book is about is tax cuts, confidence in the City, unrest in France, crop failures in America, internal disagreements in China. Obviously in the Morning After society you consult your stars to see if you should make an appointment with your accountant.

Chastity is very Morning After. Not because everyone has suddenly adopted a high moral tone; not even because they are afraid of the spread of you-know-what. It's simply that they have to conserve their energy for their early-morning breakfasts and 15-hour working days. Going to bed now means going to sleep.

Apparently, the Morning After society has come about because people have become fed up with old-style values like patriotism and do-goodery. Appeals to such values only make them cynical and ambitious for a car telephone.

I never thought that I would feel nostalgic for the 1960s — all those drippy girls, foppish young men and dirty bare feet. But, blinking miserably in the Morning After, I am starting to long for flower power, hamburgers and lazy afternoons.

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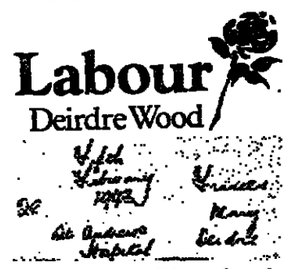
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All out, brothers

Church of England rebels opposed to the ordination of women priests are set to resort to the tactics of industrial confrontation. I understand that 12 turbulent priests are due to meet in Manchester today to set up a clerical trade union to protect the interests of those who are prepared to take their opposition to the point of resignation. Tenatatively named Solidarity, the group hopes to recruit as many as 1,000 other clerics — the number the Bishop of London estimates could ultimately leave. Solidarity's aim will be to fight for compensation if its stand costs members their homes and livelihoods. Today's agenda is topped by a plan for a recruitment drive in the run-up to next week's General Synod. "You'll be hearing a lot about us in the very near future," my Solidarity mole assures me. Industrial action — one imagines go-slow sermons and work-to-rule confirmation classes — has, however, already been ruled out.



● Labour's candidate in the Greenwich by-election has not merely tampered with her age, as the News of the World revealed yesterday. A glance at her birth certificate and then at her election material shows that at some point during the past 44 years she has inserted an "r" into her first name.

Rab's role

I wonder if the BBC's proposed drama documentary about the Profumo affair will cast R.A. Butler in the same light as Anthony Howard's new biography of Rab. Howard claims that on the night the scandal blew up Butler tried to persuade Harold Macmillan that all John Profumo need do was to say that he understood certain accusations had been made and withdraw from his ministerial post until an official inquiry had reported on the matter. However, when Macmillan insisted that Profumo should appear before the House the next day and answer the allegations about Christine Keeler, Rab exclaimed: "Not on a *Friday morning* surely!" Alas, there was no dissuading Supermac: that Friday morning Profumo uttered the porky pie that cost him his career.

● MPs have dubbed the chocolates sold in the House of Commons souvenir shop "reselection boxes".

The Dook

The Duke of Edinburgh, I discover, has a habit so distressing that even the most royalist of *Times* readers will find forgiveness difficult: he prefers American spellings. It came to light when he inaugurated the Salford Centre for Housing Studies last Friday. In copies of the speech given to the press, the centre was mentioned five times — and spelled "center" each time. Buckingham Palace reveals that this was no Yankie typist's aberration; rather it is one of the Duke's "idiosyncracies". What is more, the man closer to the Queen's English than any of us spells programme "program".

BARRY FANTONI



'A step forward, comrade . . . Now at least they show *us* being beaten up on TV'

Noble art

Fisticuffs converted Peter Lytton-Cobbald's South Kensington gallery into a boxing ring last week. The fuss started when a burly pinstriped disciple of the "art should please the eye" school started foaming at the "ugliness" of Arthur Hunter Blair's paintings. When a loyal defender attempted to explain that art was, *au contraire*, all turmoil and despair, tempers frayed. Before long Lytton-Cobbald and the guests at the private view were watching a fist fight. After drubbing his first opponent, the amateur art critic staggered towards Hunter Blair himself. Unperturbed, the painter drew himself up to his full 5ft 6in and bellowed: "It's no use scuffling me — you'll be down on the deck in no time." Blair, who claims his detractor threw in the towel, tells me coolly: "I'm pleased that my paintings stir up such strong emotions." **PHS**

George Brock on the dilemma Greenwich is posing the pollsters

Is this a bandwagon I see before me?

The onset of general election fever has brought complications: this time round the opinion polls look like being a steamy political controversy in their own right.

In 1983, the size of the Conservative lead in the polls and the weakness of the Alliance challenge (at least until the last days of the campaign) meant that even dedicated opponents of the polls could find few publicly-credible sticks with which to beat the pollsters. This time round, the polls are suggesting a less clear-cut outcome and the stakes are higher.

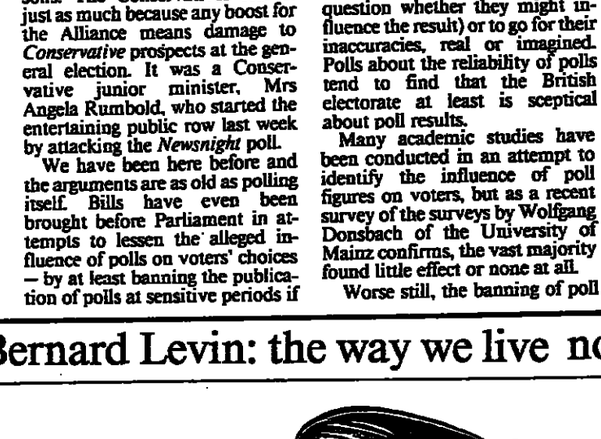
Because the next election appears to be more of a genuine three-horse race in advance, tactical voting acquires a new importance; it already has a pressure group all of its own.

Tactical voting is in some ways a child of the polls. It may have been advocated and done before polls ever existed, but the invitation to vote not for your first choice of party but for the candidate most likely to oust your opponent is made a lot more attractive by a poll which shows how useful such a vote could be.

For all these reasons, the Greenwich by-election looks set to trigger a new round of rows about the accuracy of polls and probably revive calls for some sort of limit or ban. The sharp variations between polls this year has already set in train an investigation by the Market Research Society (MRS).

By the time it votes on February 26, Greenwich will be a very heavily polled constituency indeed: the Harris organization alone will have done five polls there. Both major parties are nervous of the very thing which some experts now think likely: an Alliance "bandwagon". The party has had little success in mobilizing such a tactical vote nationally so far, but has sometimes been able to concentrate enough resources on a by-election to make it happen in an individual seat.

The most spectacular example of such a campaign was the Bermondsey by-election of 1983, where polls began to suggest that the Liberal candidate, Simon Hughes, could beat the beleaguered Labour hopeful, Peter Tatchell, even though the Alliance was starting from a long way behind. The Harris organization pollster, Dr Robert Waller, thinks Greenwich could be "another Bermondsey" and the psephologist Dr David Butler of Nuffield College, Oxford, agrees.



A spot of tactical voting, steered by the opinion polls, and Rosie Barnes, the SDP candidate, could be heading for Parliament

The only poll to so far suggest that the bandwagon might be rolling is the second poll done by BBC TV's *Newsnight*, which did rest its conclusion on a very small sample. Labour, defending the seat in Greenwich, fears a tactical switch of votes for obvious reasons. The Conservatives fear it just as much because any boost for the Alliance means damage to *Conservative* prospects at the general election. It was a Conservative junior minister, Mrs Angela Rumbold, who started the entertaining public row last week by attacking the *Newsnight* poll.

We have been here before and the arguments are as old as polling itself. Bills have even been brought before Parliament in attempts to lessen the alleged influence of polls on voters' choices — by at least banning the publication of polls at sensitive periods if not forbidding the business altogether — and there are European precedents to which the sponsors of such moves can appeal.

A survey by a committee of the European parliament in 1985 listed parliamentary democracies where no controls applied, three (Belgium, Canada and Luxembourg) where they were under consideration, and a further three (Australia, West Germany and Turkey) with "minor" controls. Only three European countries use "substantial" controls: France, Portugal and Spain.

One of the difficulties faced by the poll sceptics is whether to attack the accuracy (and thus to question whether they might influence the result) or to go for their inaccuracies, real or imagined. Polls about the reliability of polls tend to find that the British electorate at least is sceptical about poll results.

Many academic studies have been conducted in an attempt to identify the influence of poll figures on voters, but as a recent survey of the surveys by Wolfgang Donsbach of the University of Mainz confirms, the vast majority found little effect or none at all.

Worse still, the banning of poll findings can have distorting effects of its own. During the Spanish referendum last March on whether the country should stay in Nato, polls were prohibited for six working days beforehand. As the head of one Spanish polling organization later demonstrated, the absence of polls allowed a scared government to mount a massive last-minute publicity push to change the public mind, which in private polls appeared to be set on voting Spain out.

The referendum produced a "yes" vote and brought a barrage of complaints against the pollsters whose earlier — and probably quite accurate — polls were held to be "wrong", when they were in fact merely out of date.

One of the more substantial critiques of the record numbers of opinion polls in the 1983 election has been mounted by Dr Paul Whiteley of Bristol University*. He argues that there was evidence of a late Alliance bandwagon effect helped by polls and that if this happens frequently, "the incentive arises to produce polls which can be used in the campaign to attempt to get a bandwagon rolling . . . Once the role of monitoring opinion is subordinated to the role of shaping opinion this can be corrupting". But in the end he stops short of recommending any ban and confines himself to detailed criticisms of pollsters methods — which will form most of the agenda for the MRS inquiry now under way.

But it is plain that British politicians so far prefer to have an opportunity to enjoy a bandwagon effect, rather than to have the possibility denied to everybody. And whatever margins of error may sometimes leave egg all over the pollsters' faces, the estimates made by politicians themselves are invariably less accurate. And there may even be some politicians about who feel that suppressing polls would simply be undemocratic.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now



Bend the knee, Britain, for Wogan's way

Mr Terry Wogan, already justly famous for inviting me to display my knees to the nation in close-up, is the subject of a thoughtful article in *The Listener*; it is now two years since his television talk show started on BBC1, and the writer, Mr David Berry, has come to some conclusions about it. These conclusions seemed to me so remarkable that I promptly came to several of my own, and I think it is worth revealing them to my readers today, as once I did my knees.

Mr Berry, after remarking on Wogan's popularity (he does not scorn it), argues that the success of the programme "has come at a price", and it is this price, which he plainly believes is too high, that forms the substance of his criticism of Wogan, and mine of him.

It is a long time before we discover just what Wogan's crime is. It is not that he behaves badly to his guests; on the contrary, Mr Berry rightly commends mine host's invariable courtesy and his skill at putting potentially nervous visitors at their ease. Nor does Wogan have any political bias; nor does he favour among his guests BBC stars over ITV ones. All in all, he is "a likeable bloke".

Nevertheless, there is the Price of Wogan to be considered. We learn that the guests on the show come over as the kind of people "whom viewers would welcome as neighbours or friends . . . Voyeurism is replaced by curiosity, hatred by admiration, envy and resentment at success by a good-natured respect for the successful . . . despite conflicts of race or sex or class . . . Britain emerges as still essentially one nation. Despite the country's decline, there is still much in the British character we can celebrate".

Wogan "can see from the outside the desire of the British public to escape from present uncertainties back to what made Britain great: the fortitude and modesty of her people. Only an Irishman could see this and . . . gently mock it in a way which comes across to the British viewer not as an attack but as a celebration."

And at last, in the penultimate sentence, the worst is revealed: Wogan "has built a rapport with viewers by confirming our need, amid the challenge of other cultures, to be proud to be British".

String the bastard up, that's what I say; Wogan's popularity and success have clearly been earned by painting a wholly spurious picture of Britain. It must be said that Mr Berry's case is put forward in quiet and civilized tones; he does not sneer at Wogan or at those whom Wogan is thus leading astray. All the same, his view seems to me to be nonsense, and nonsense of a peculiarly characteristic kind — characteristic, that is, of a section of our society which is unable to come to terms with the dramatic changes in Britain's view of herself that have taken place in the past few years.

Nobody but a lunatic would deny that there are many things wrong with this country; sloth, obstinacy and cowardice on both sides of industry, a rising tide of political as well as physical violence and intolerance, a level of public lying for which we would have to go back many decades to find a precedent, the decay of ancient and essential institutions, the manifest inadequacy of so many of our leaders and potential leaders, together with the more obvious and visible problems such as unemployment, poverty, crime, greed, bigotry and Law Officers — these are but a few of the most persistent and serious of the problems from which Britain is suffering.

They will not be quickly or easily cured. But the view that Mr Berry puts modestly forward, and which others put forward more stridently and more politically, suggests that Wogan's crime is to disguise the fact that the country is done for, that mutual hatred is (in some mouths *should be*) the norm, that we are in the throes of an undeclared civil war (indeed several at once), that the desire to celebrate what was once great about Britain is a regressive infantilism, and that the pride in being British is an embarrassing folly at best, and at worst wicked.

There is some support for this view; the municipal authorities at Rochdale have just denounced the painting of the Union Jack on the sides of local taxicabs as "racist". Even among many of those who are convinced that the wretched country's up the flue, Rochdale's action might be thought a trifle extreme; but a less clearly daft equivalent can be found even in the most respectable circles.

Yet it seems to me that the nostalgia is on the other foot; the working classes (and does not the very phrase reek of mothballs?) *no longer know their place*. That, of course, is what the squire and his relations used to think, but the meaning of the words has changed dramatically.

The "place" of the workers, in the eyes of those who claim to know better than the workers themselves what is good for them, is to form a resentful mass of downtrodden and effectively disfranchised proles, who believe, or who can be persuaded to believe, that there is no point in their hoping for anything better than their present lot, because the rich will never let them rise in the world. But in order to keep that reservoir of disaffection topped up, those who know best must constantly strive to limit the horizons of those who fill it.

As I have so often said, the only power the trade union bosses have is the power to keep their followers poor. That power is now being eroded at an astonishing speed, but before it began to crumble it was a symbol of what was wrong with the people known as "organized labour". What was wrong was that they were denied anything to aspire to — not, now, by the rich man in his castle, but by the shop steward at the gate. As their forebears had believed that the hierarchies of class, power and money were the natural order of things, so *they* accepted for decades the newer denial of their aspirations by those who claimed to speak for them; this in turn became the modern version of the natural order of things. Suddenly they began to awake to the realization that it was *not* the natural order of anything, but an irrelevance and a bluff, which could be brushed aside without the smallest difficulty. They began to brush; and found the experience to their liking.

Why do you suppose that when the present government gave the tenants of council houses the right to buy the roof over their heads (and on advantageous terms) the Labour Party, and its local government arm, screamed bloody murder? Why, having vowed to stop, indeed to reverse, this dreadful traffic, did they subsequently, and with ill grace, find themselves obliged to accept it? The answer to the first question is that Labour politicians saw their own power, parallel to that of the union *capi*, endangered; the answer to the second is that, to their horror, rage *and astonishment*, they found that it was popular among the very people whose unquestioning allegiance they had so long enjoyed.

I do not know who coined the term "popular capitalism", but it is a good one, and describes something of immense importance. Never mind the floats of BT, British Gas, TSB; the revelation was what happened to British Airways. For months before The Day, there were warnings that this one was not like the others, that amateurs should steer clear, that it was a high-risk business, that the institutions would scoop the lot and that that would be better all round for everybody. Sid didn't listen; in the last few days of the campaign he stormed the *guichets* to get his couple of hundredworth. For Sid had seen his neighbours, friends and workmates getting a slice of the earlier sales, and had determined that he was not going to be left behind.

Good luck to him. But not just generalized good luck; he is demonstrating that Wogan is right, and Wogan's critics wrong. For him, Britain *is* still one nation, and a nation to be proud of; for him, "envy and resentment at success" has indeed been replaced "by a good-natured respect for the successful" (not least because he now wants to be one of the successful himself); for him, it is indeed matter for "celebration" that Britain is looking again to "what made Britain great — the fortitude and modesty of her people".

What has surprised many, horrified some, and presumably driven Mr Jeremy Seabrook, the author, almost to distraction, is that this movement is outwardly expressed in economic terms. Those who were once assured — by those who insisted on representing them — that it would always be their fate to be poor have now realized that they do not have to accept that fate. Mr Eric Hammond's merry men are in the van of that realization, of course, and have been putting it into effect for years; but a huge wave is building up, to crash on the shore very soon, as more and more people aspire to that which they had so long been told was beyond them.

And this is the precise moment at which Mr Roy Hattersley comes out with a plan for *equality*, the eternal enemy of prosperity for the very people in whose name the egalitarians claim to speak! That, you may say, is a far cry from Wogan. I disagree; Wogan does indeed represent those values, those attitudes, those aspirations which were so politely put down by Mr Berry and which elsewhere, amid foaming hatred, are proclaimed evil. But in doing so, he is a prophet, and more truly embodies the future of a Britain proud of herself than those who declare, with relish, that there is nothing to be proud of in Britain, and that those who feel such pride are enemies of the people.

T.E. Utley

Two schools of freedom

Among the zealous advocates of freedom in the contemporary Tory party, there are two clearly distinguishable schools of what, with pardonable exaggeration, may be called "thought". One of them might be described as the "mechanistic" liberals. They believe in freedom because they think it to be a means towards economic growth and material prosperity.

Their argument, crudely stated, is this: in a free society, men will be impelled by their natural desire for wealth to do their best as producers to satisfy the needs of their customers. If they succeed, they will be rewarded; if they fail, they will have to apply their talents to other pursuits. The result will be "consumer sovereignty", a harmony of interests in which everybody will be doing the job for which he is best suited and every consumer will receive the best possible service.

The second school of thought rests its belief in freedom on far grander premises. In its mind, freedom, if not an absolute good, is at any rate a means to extremely lofty ends — the promotion of moral responsibility, the cultivation and satisfaction of tastes that are not purely physical, the establishment of the conditions of what is pompously called "the good life".

One of the obvious practical differences between these two approaches is that the case of the "mechanistic" liberals is far more vulnerable to misfortune than that of the "high-minded" liberals. If free competition seems not to be leading to material prosperity, what shall we do about it?

So it was with Mr Heath in the mid-1970s. He had come to power as what would now be called a "Thatcherite"; but, after a while, the philosophy did not seem to work, did not seem to be producing the degree of material progress and social stability expected of it. So it had to be abandoned.

It is important to know where the present government stands in relation to this conflict of philosophy over freedom, and I have this week been deeply alarmed by a brilliant pamphlet produced by the Centre for Policy Studies (*History in Peril* by Alan Beattie). You may think the pamphlet to have a somewhat restricted interest but, in fact, it illustrates my point perfectly.

The author has his own views (which happen to be mine) about the teaching of history. There are roughly those advanced by the late Herbert Butterfield in his book *The Whig Interpretation of History*, which was the recommended gospel of undergraduate Cambridge historians in my day, nearly 50 years ago.

Beattie believes that history has virtually no lessons to give us about politics. He thinks that, like pure science and mathematics, it should be taught and studied for its own sake. The benefits it confers, he says, are largely indirect — an ability to test evidence and a deep scepticism about moral judgements.

Anyway, according to Beattie history is being crushed to death in schools and universities by two opposing armies — the "progressives", who want it to promote social justice and the "practical": men (among them, alas, Sir Keith Joseph, Mr Kenneth Baker and even the Prime Minister) who want to divert resources to subjects which will promote material prosperity.

Beattie's main argument, however, is that the Government is proceeding on a whole host of doubtful assumptions: it assumes that people want material prosperity more than anything else; it assumes that lack of technological education is the principal cause for lack of extravagant material prosperity; it assumes that is is impossible to increase technological education without diminishing education in the humanities. All this the Government takes upon itself. Our educational policy, in fact, is now thoroughly *dirigiste*. The Government knows best. The view thus described by Beattie is surely "Heathism" with a vengeance.

Education is good in its own right. Like friendship, it produces from time to time certain material advantages, but solely on the condition that it is not pursued for the sake of such advantages.

Mr Baker is a "mechanistic" liberal, one who believes that the test of freedom is its ability to produce material prosperity and one who, in the matter of education, is happy to take the decision about what should be done himself. Most of the criticisms of him now generally made are wide of the mark. It is absurd to say that it is tyranny to encourage children to learn to read and write, or that it is an interference with freedom to diminish the control of tyrannical local authorities over the education system.

It is nice of him to be concerned to restore the rights of parents by putting them on school governors' boards, though membership of a committee is in truth the smallest form of freedom.

What he should be doing — through educational vouchers and student loans — is to reintroduce the principle of the free market into education. Ironically, those who recommend such measures are dubbed philistines. In reality, their aim is to preserve the independence of education and its status as something to be preserved wholly for its own sake.

Philip Howard

Messing about in boat races

I can see that we are going to have to shout for Cambridge in the Boat Race this year. It goes against the grain, and instinct, and common sense. Some of my best friends are Cambridge people, and over the years I have learnt to love their priggishness and intellectual arrogance. But Oxford is my team.

Only a tiny fraction of Britons are educated at Oxford or Cambridge, or have any connection with the universities. But we seem to divide into two camps for the fatuous Boat Race; or perhaps that is just journalistic cliché, trotted out once a year but having no relevance in the real world of 1987.

Rowing is about the silliest sport, nearly as silly as Packer pyjama-cricket and synchronized swimming and betting on horses (why do you think it is called horse sense?); far sillier than darts. Only those too thick and too clumsy to play cricket become wet-bobs. They proceed backwards grunting and sweating to their destination. The idea that it takes months of arduous training to become fit to row in the Boat Race is a myth designed to keep the crews and coaches away from their books.

I suppose that there is a certain pleasure in pulling in a boat that is going well, and a kind of savage triumph in hounding down the opposition. But there are better ways of progressing through the water. Punting is an elegant art form suited to good company and conversation, and even reading out loud. Swimming is better, even in the muddy Thames: I have a friend who asserts that one of the few pleasures left is the ever receding perfection of form and time and movement that is the idea of the breast-stroke.

If you have to race in boats, modern Olympic and other rowing is performed in still water, generally over a distance of 2,000 metres. The Boat Race is a farce. The course is bent around a huge northward loop in the Thames for a distance that is far too long for modern competitive rowing. It is rowed on moving water, on the flood tide between an hour and an hour-and-a-half before high water. The toss of the coin for stations decides who is going to win. The extremely crooked nature of the course gives an almost insuperable advantage to the crew that can capture or hold the Surrey station by the beginning of the long bend opposite The Crab Tree.

The race is usually a tedious procession. Like other boring British institutions, such as Trooping the Colour, the only excuse for the Boat Race is that it has an old and dotty history. Even after the first race, at Henley in 1829, there were terrible rows about whether bachelors, that is men who had already taken their first degrees, should be allowed to row. They did not compete again until 1836, when the race was rowed from Westminster to Putney. In those days, professional Thames watermen coached and coxed the crews, and there was a great deal of bumping and boring, and collisions reminiscent of the livelier moments in the Battle of Salamis. At least it was more exciting. In 1877 "Honest John" Phelps, the waterman, announced his verdict as "dead heat for Oxford by five yards".

Until quite recently it was accepted that Cambridge won the Boat Race because they were more successful at persuading lumpen-undergraduates to give up a year



for training on their pretty little rivulet at Cambridge and Ely. I think it is cheating for Oxford to bribe elderly international American oarsmen over to read some dubious diploma in social studies just to win the race. You might just as well elect Botham to an honorary fellowship of All Souls to beef up the cricket XI (come to think of it, it might enliven the conversation at dinner there).

Such sharp practice does the university discredit. For the freelance, professional oarsmen now to stage the prima-donna and whingeing tantrums that have been exercising the excitable brats lets the side down.

Oxford is the place for style, and sophistication, and effortless superiority. Cambridge is the university that plays to win, and is seen to be taking things too seriously. I hope they both sink. But failing that, this year, for the once and last time, come on Cambridge

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THE PRECEPTS OF ISLAM

World opinion, initially slow this time in responding to the plight of the Palestinians in Sabra, Chatila and Bourj el-Barajneh, is now wakening. But indignation is not enough; diagnosis is a *sine qua non* to a cure. The tragedy has many *dramatis personae* whose roles need disentangling.

To begin with, there is nothing to be gained by casting Lebanese Shi'ites simply as villains of the piece. They have long-standing grievances. For centuries they suffered second-class citizenship under Ottoman Sunni orthodoxy, while their Sunni and Christian neighbours, each with their powerful patrons, moved ahead. Under French rule and the first decades of French-fashioned independence, the Christians moved yet further ahead. Since the early 1970s, the southern Shi'ites have borne the brunt of heavy-handed Palestinian occupation, imposed and supported by Syrians and Sunnis.

Besides rough treatment at the hands of armed bands answerable to no authority, they found themselves between the hammer and the anvil as their territory turned into a battleground between Palestinians and Israelis. To end this and gain a greater share in the nation's wealth, the Shi'ite Amal leadership has opted for what it sees as the only way open to it — to drive out the Palestinians by force. Unless an alternative option is found it will press on, regardless of what outside powers or institutions say or do.

The Syrians are quite content for the slaughter and destabilization to continue. They increase the dependence of all participants on Damascus and further grind down Lebanon for the day it can be effortlessly digested into a Greater Syria, without autonomous entities of any sort — least of all Palestinians. The Iranians now use their Lebanese clients, the Shi'ite Hezbollah (The Party of God) to support the PLO in these battles, partly to further their *jihad* against Israel and the West, and partly to offset the influence of Amal, which is secularist and moderate (though, admittedly, only by Middle Eastern standards.) The consequent Palestinian sufferings are just grist to their mill.

Rulers in the Arabian peninsula also bear their share of responsibility. For without their danegeld to the PLO and its rivals, there could never have been the multitide of private armies and extortionists, armed with the most modern and destructive weaponry, ready for street battles and sieges at the drop of a *kefiya*.

Since Iraq and Egypt also stirred the pot in their time, together with the UN and the great powers, they have a corresponding duty to find a settlement. But which way should they turn? Peacekeeping forces have been tried and found self-defeating. When weak they are ignored. Let them attempt to impose peace by force, however, and they become yet one more combatant. The Americans and French learned this the hard way. The Israelis deployed greater force than any other potential participant could envisage, but they now recognise that their involvement was counterproductive, and are still licking their wounds.

Yet something must be done. The temptation to shrug off responsibility on the grounds that the Palestinians brought it upon themselves must be resisted. Per Edmund Burke, you cannot draw up an indictment against a whole nation. Moreover, the whole world over, those who bring down calamities on to their nation's head almost never pay the price personally. It is not the posturing PLO warlords with the Swiss bank accounts and jet-set life-style who are holed-up in the settlements, but innocent women and children and elderly folk.

If the Shi'ite nation-in-arms is set on its course, the only visible solution is to move the Palestinians out of southern and central Lebanon, away from Shi'ite areas and Israeli borders. Palestinian spokesmen, particularly those speaking from safe bases, may well be ready to fight this to the last drop of the camp-dwellers' blood, as it takes them further from their goal of the reconquest of Palestine. But since the Israel-Jordan-PLO triangle of forces can be expected to keep its present shape for the lifetime of the protagonists and to preclude any return *en masse*, human survival must take precedence.

The West cannot impose a solution, but could help induce one. That the Western powers have overplayed their hand in the past does not mean that they are without resources, moral resources included. There are governments and politicians more powerful than President Gemayel to whom the Foreign Secretary should be speaking. The time has come to point out that what is being done to the Palestinians, by their enemies and supporters alike, violates the precepts of Islam, a faith built on mercy and compassion *ab initio*. We shall be at our strongest when we demand that Muslim rulers act according to their own precepts just as when we demand that Moscow's rulers respect their own constitution.

Fahd's billions, Khomeini's *jihad* and the Arab League's tergiversations are visibly producing the opposite of the justice, compassion and human solidarity under God specifically envisaged in the Koran. To point this out uninhibitedly is the first step away from the hell on earth in Lebanon.

NOT MRS THATCHER'S POODLE

The Prime Minister last week sponsored the creation of 11 new life peers to refresh both Government and Opposition in the House of Lords. She has, however, refrained from creating any new Alliance peers and, by so doing, has inevitably incurred considerable wrath.

The arguments against her are these: the Alliance polled almost as many votes at the last General Election as did the Labour Party, yet, as a result of the first-past-the-post election system, it is grotesquely underrepresented in the Commons. If the Lords has any excuse for existing at all, should it not be, in large part at least, to redress the inequities of the electoral system? Yet has not Mrs Thatcher, in course of making her recommendations to the Queen, simply pursued what is now her main strategic purpose — to dish the Alliance and to make the point that we live under a two-party system and that the two parties are the Conservatives and Labour?

She has certainly incurred this suspicion and it is obviously unwise for her at present to incur unnecessarily any suspicions at all. However, the assumption that one of the chief purposes of creating new life peers is to correct the balance of the electoral system is wide of the mark.

There is a sense in which the Tory party has a vast in-built majority in the House of Lords. In party terms, however, this majority is largely illusory. Many of its members do not go there at all. Nor can they be simply wheeled out by the whips, who have nothing with which to threaten them. When they come, it would seem that it is often to vote against the Government. They are conservatives, emphatically with a "small c", devoted to rural England, unprofitable bus services, compassion and moderation. The traditional defence of the Lords — that it is an institution opposed equally to revolution and counter-revolution — has been well displayed in recent years.

Essentially, though not exclusively, the Lords exists to revise legislation, not to challenge the principles of legislation. It needs, therefore, highly intelligent men of wide practical experience. Mrs Thatcher has not sponsored the creation of six new Tory peers simply for the sake of consolidating her majority. She needs working peers of adequate ability. Equally, that is what Labour needs.

It would be quite wrong for her to despise members of the Alliance in that role. But is there any pressing reason why she should invariably include them? There are said to be (estimates differ) about 86 members of the Alliance in the Lords already. Many of them are defectors from the Labour Party. It is to be presumed that many of them are above the average level of articulateness. Whether it would have been wise or necessary to add to their number is a question which depends largely on the candidates available and the duties going unperformed.

Short of a fundamental reform of the composition of the Lords, there is much to be said for ignoring party considerations as much as possible, for simply having men of merit who will be there to exercise their revising functions and, only on extreme occasions, their delaying powers. There is even something to be said for constituting some grand and independent body which would recommend men and women for life peerages and whose recommendations would be conventionally accepted by the Queen. Since the Lords is essentially now a revising body, it should consist of people who are fundamentally disposed to perform this relatively humble constitutional function, and who are equipped to do the job properly.

But such reforms seem very remote. At a time when the Lords is attracting more respectful public attention and exercising greater independence than for many years, Prime Ministers, whatever their party, are unlikely to relinquish even that slight influence over the Upper House which the power of nomination gives them. To defend that power effectively, however, they should probably make a display of wielding it fairly. Mrs Thatcher is under no sort of constitutional obligation to assist third parties, but she would probably have been wise to throw in a couple of Alliance members.

Control of mergers

From the Chairman of Hanson Industries

Sir, I was struck by the observation in Mr Michael Grylls's letter (January 22) that "leaving the majority of large-scale mergers to the market is a luxury no successful industrialized country has ever afforded".

As a businessman active in the United States for the past dozen years, it set me thinking whether he was right as regards the United States. It seems to me that, apart from competition issues, the US does afford itself the luxury, if that be the word, of leaving large-scale mergers to the market.

The reservation, "apart from competiton issues" is, of course, very important. The Americans have long recognized that the crux of the matter is the presevation of competition. Government here has very wide powers to prevent anti-competitive transactions and the present Adminjstration is firmly committed to using these powers in the context of mergers as changing circumstances require.

However, as a representative of the Deparment of Justice explained to a sub-committee of the House of Representatives in March last year, this is done in the wide recognition "that mergers can and often do perform beneficial functions in the economy". He went on to say:

In enforcing the merger laws, the Government does not and cannot second-guess business decisions unless there is a demonstrable harm to competition. Thus [the Department of Justice] challenges only those acquisitions that are likely to have an adverse effect on competition.

It might be argued that the courts in the United States in practice exercise a closer supervision over mergers than do the courts in the United Kingdom. Indeed, in some recent takeovers, they have gone beyond interpretation of existing law into the area of making new law for particular instances, in a way which might seem to amount to regulation. But again, the courts have consistently favoured competition and the market.

When Parliament comes to deliberate on what Mr Grylls very rightly described as the vital subject of competion policy, it would be good if it would ensure that such policy addressed itself purely to competition and did not attempt to strike a balance between competition and some wider and undefinable "public interest".

The example which he cites in his letter about research and development expenditure illustrates the difficulties we shall otherwise run into. We ask too much of public servants or ministers if we expect them to decide whether this or that research programme will in the event ensure long-term profitability.

We can all recall some pretty disastrous research and development decisions made by differnt governments in the past. I have sufficient confidence in the market to believe that this kind of decision is best left to the risk-taking entrepreneur.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changing role of the countryside

From Dr M. F. Hopkinson

Sir, Even if one does not agree with their motivation, timing or presentation, Mr Jopling's proposals (report, February 10) to allow the countryside to fulfil a wider role than its hitherto limited one of food production are welcome. However, the removal of presumptions on agricultural land or even the relaxation of planning controls are not of themselves sufficient to stimulate the development of rural areas as functioning systems, still less as real communities.

During their 60-year rates holiday the farmers of Britain have really done rather little to safeguard the rural landscape and its resident population. Planners have done even less to stimulate the economy of rural areas, being content to see the countryside as the playground or resource bank of the urban population.

It has been left to voluntary agencies and the under-resourced rural community councils to try to care for the employment, housing and transport needs of the people who actually live (as distinct from sleep) in 80 per cent of Britain. Unless Mr Jopling displays a greater will to support rural enterprise and initiative, the danger is that our rural areas will indeed disappear under concrete and conifers.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL F. HOPKINSON,
Bedford College of Higher Education,
Environment and Planning Research Unit,
Polhill Avenue, Bedford.
February 10.

From Professor Emeritus D. K. Britton

Sir, There may be good reasons why the cost of the reform of the common agricultural policy should be borne mainly by the large enterprises, as discussed in your leader of February 7; but your claim that such a policy would have the welcome advantage of reducing the production of surpluses of food must be called in question.

Certainly there is ample evidence that the small-scale farms are generally less efficient, in that they use more resources of capital and labour to produce a given amount of output. However, their production is usually more intensive per unit of land area, and therein lies the flaw in your argument.

The typical small family farmer in the European Community has between five and 15 hectares of land. There are over a million such farms in what was the Europe of Ten, not counting Spain and Portugal, where small farms are even more prevalent. At this small scale they have to adopt intensive systems in order to generate enough income to give the family a livelihood. Consequently, they produce, on average, at least twice as much per hectare as comes from farms of 50ha or more.

It is therefore highly likely that if, following President Mitterrand's reported "enthusiasm for peasants", these small farms were to be enabled to survive at the expense of larger holdings, the result would be a further increase in unmarketable produce. This would necessitate the abandonment of a considerable area of land elsewhere, or its diversion to foresty or other non-food uses.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS BRITTON,
29 Chequers Park,
Wye,
Ashford, Kent.
February 7.

From Mrs Joanne Bower

Sir, Your leader, "Europe des paysans" (February 7), suggests that efficiency equates with what President Mitterrand describes as large agri-food factories. These produce unbelievable surpluses which it is difficult or impossible to give away.

Most small, "*inefficient*" farmers work their land well, leaving a legacy of fertility to their successors. Subsidies have kept the large, "efficient" farmers going and have substantially contributed to all the ills of high-tech agriculture.

A reform of the common agricultural policy which puts fertility and environmental health before purely economic considerations is now an urgent necessity. We certainly cannot afford to lose more small-scale "peasants and farmers". On the contrary, we need far more and if, by reforming the CAP in this way, it does become a "welfare policy" as your leader suggests, would not this be a good thing? The wellbeing of the land and all life that depends on it is surely a most vital consideration.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNE BOWER,
Honorary Secretary,
The Farm and Food Society,
4 Willifield Way, NW11.
February 9.

Unconscious Britain

From Mrs Valery Cons

Sir, I should like to thank you for publishing the wise and visionary article, "Beyond unconscious Britain", by Bernard Williams (February 10). I had begun to wonder whether "reflectiveness" was about to become an obsolete word in the English language. Thank God it can still be used with significance and import in the context of education.

It has long been unfashionable to "stand and stare", that is, to take the time to reflect upon and understand ourselves in both human and historical perspective. Only in mental hospitals is time allowed for this and then it is necessary to be very, very sick, such sickness in itself often quite clearly a protest against our social climate of "unreflectiveness".

Bernard Williams says "Britain has never been the most reflective of countries". This statement is surely supported by the fact that as a nation we have always underestimated the importance of the arts and have left our artists "outside" the acceptable face of society.

Artists — i.e., serious writers, actors, poets, painters and musicians — are reflective and visionary people. Sadly, with increasing acceptability within the educational framework over the last 30 years, the arts have been absorbed into the competitive and acquistive pattern of society as a whole.

The genuine artist is still an outsider. Training in the arts has resulted in a spate of politically or commercially motivated practitioners whose minds are too often totally closed to creative vision or reflectiveness of the kind prescribed by Professor Williams. As a nation we do, most urgently, need to reflect upon our history and development, and also to evaluate the contribution made to both by our artists.

Yours faithfully,
VALERY CONS,
Chy-An-Daunce,
Treen,
St Levan,
Penzance, Cornwall.
February 11.

Misleading labels

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, Mr N. F. Sussman, Chairman of the British Clothing Industry Association, wrote (February 9) in support of the principle of new legislation to prevent misleading indications of origin for goods after the repeal of the Trade Descriptions Act 1972.

In 1980, the National Consumer Council carried out research into consumers' use of origin marking. In summary, we found that:

Consumers, when asked, say they want origin marking.

In practice, only a minority say they are influenced by it when it is available; it is regarded as of less importance than other pieces of factual information about goods.

Consumers regard its usefulness primarily as an indication of quality; only a minority look at origin marks as a way of buying British.

Consumers, rightly or wrongly, make judgments that some types of product are of a higher or lower quality if they come from a particular country; the country with the highest quality was not always regarded as being the UK.

We believe that it is no more right to mislead consumers about origin marking than it is about anything else. If there are substantial abuses, they should be controlled. But I should like to make two points. First, industrialists would be naive to think that better origin marking will have dramatic effects on consumer behaviour or that any balance or advantage will necessarily accrue to British manufacturers.

Second, any action should deal with indications of origin which are misleading, including both British-made products which imply an overseas origin as well as imported products which imply a British one.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE HEALY, Director,
National Consumer Council,
20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.
February 1.

Schools manifesto

From the Principal of Halesowen College

Sir, The Headmaster of Bishopshalt School accuses me (January 28) of attributing parental opposition to removing sixth forms from schools to selfishness and ignorance. The words are his not mine; and are neither a valid inference from what I wrote in my letter of January 14 nor an accurate account of my views.

Indeed, parents who care about their children's education are admirably *unselfish*, and it is certainly not "ignorant" to fear that they may be harmed by being caught up in a reorganization, even if the reorganization will benefit future generations.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TERRY, Principal,
Halesowen College,
Whittingham Road,
Halesowen,
West Midlands.
February 2.

Stressful afternoons

From Mr M. E. C. Comer

Sir, I was intrigued by your Focus on engineering science at Oxford University (February 10) with its reference to Professor Wroth's interest in cricket.

When I read engineering science at Oxford from 1948 to 1950 the reader, Dr Dick, a loveable Scot, was my tutor who, knowing our shared interest in cricket, frequently interrupted tutorials on hot summer afternoons with the remark, "We'd better go and see what the score is in the Parks."

He had a pair of binoculars permanently trained on the scoreboard and, after checking the progress of the match, we would return to the stresses and strains of engineering structures.

Yours faithfully,
M. E. C. COMER,
St John's School,
Epsom Road,
Leatherhead,
Surrey.
February 11.

Boat Race into clearer waters

From Mr R. D. Clegg

Sir, Clarification is needed of events preceding the decision to row the Head of the River Race and the Boat Race on March 28 (Mr Stuart Wilson's letter of February 7).

That the decision was not taken lightly is illustrated by the discussion between all the interested parties. The conclusion from all these discussions was that, whilst it will obviously be administratively more ocmplex to run the events on the same day rather than on separate days, there are compelling reasons why each event needs to be held on the same day this year: no overwhelming reason, or combination of reasons, was established to the contrary.

Clearly, though, holding the events on the same day is going to produce additional difficulties for both events, and more for Head organisers than the Boat Race. The Head committee has, however, said that the two events can be held together successfully provided that competitors co-operate. The Metropolitan Police and the Port of London Authority have expressed confidence that they can do whatever is necessary to ensure that both events take place successfully.

But the conjunction of the two events offers opportunities as well as difficulties. The Boat Race, which has been rowed over the Putney to Mortlake course since 1845, has evolved into one of a very small number of national sporting events with great appeal to the general public. It has been broadcast for 60 years and now attracts an annual television audience in the UK alone of about 12 million people.

The BBC indicated last summer that as their cameras, equipment and staff will be in place to cover the Boat Road they will also broadcast some 45 minutes of the Head during the course of the afternoon. The Head has now negotiated a formal agreement with the BBC.

So we have a rare opportunity of having a part of the Head televised. The president, Neil Thomas, has welcomed this opportunity of obtaining extra television coverage of rowing because it will show the broad base of the sport and its wide geographic spread.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. CLEGG
(London representative,
Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs),
21 Moorfields, EC2.

Rights and wrongs

From Sir Edward Gardner, QC, MP for Fylde (Conservative)

Sir, The argument that the Human Rights Bill, which was defeated on a procedural motion in the House of Commons last Friday, "would not diminish the sovereignty of Parliament because Parliament could rescind it "does not, it seems, satisfy Mr T. E. Utley.

In his article, "Rights, wrongs and abstainers" (February 9), he states this argument is not "very impressive . . . nor, indeed, is it entirely true" because Parliament having done this thing (i.e., passed the bill into law) would find it extraordinarily difficult, if not impossible, to undo it . . . ".

The same, of course, could be said of many of our other laws.

Parliament would, indeed, find it "extraordinarily difficult" to rescind, for example, our criminal laws. But no one, so far as I know, has suggested, as Mr Utley does of the Human Rights Bill, that these laws in anyway undermine the sovereignty of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GARDNER,
House of Commons.
February 10.

New Forest bypass

From Councillor R. S. N. Mans

Sir, Your report (February 7) that the Lyndhurst bypass "threatens to destroy a huge area of the New Forest" is erroneous. Only 10.6 acres of open forest land is required for the route (designated 5A) and that will all be replaced by land provided by Hampshire County Council. The New Forest covers 90,000 acres, of which 1,000 are already given over to car parks and camp sites.

Since the 1930s Lyndhurst has fought for a bypass. Within the last 10 years there have been two public inquiries and three public consultations. Throughout, the village made major concessions to the Verderers of the New Forest over both the line and extent of the route. These have been consistently rejected or ignored. They now want to foist an inner route on Lyndhurst which would cut the village in half.

An overwhelming majority of Lyndhurst residents, many of them from old Forest families, consider that they have now compromised enough with the objectors. They want Route 5A for the bypass. They have the support of the New Forest District Council, the parish council and the 1,200-strong residents association.

The County Council is giving expression to this strong local opinion by promoting a Bill in Parliament. The popular will is being opposed by those who, in the great majority of cases, live far from Lyndhurst and appear to have little sympathy for or understanding of the misery inflicted on "the capital of the New Forest" by incessant traffic through it.

Yours sincerely,
ROWLEY MANS,
Kirke House,
Sway Road,
Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Rallying call

From the National Secretary of the Social Democratic Party

Sir, I was surprised to read Mr Raymond Harvey's letter (February 6) suggesting that the "Purcell's Trumpet Tune", which I played with the Rothwell Temperance Band at the Alliance's Barbican rally, might not have been written by Purcell at all.

There have been great debates over recent decades about the authorship of certain pieces traditionally ascribed to Purcell.

As the experts will probably never agree, surely the wisest course is to uphold the commonly held view that the Trumpet Tune was indeed written by Purcell. In any event, it is a splendid tune to whistle as we approach the electoral gunfire.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEWBY,
National Secretary,
Social Democratic Party,
4 Cowley Street, SW1.
February 11.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 16 1891

The Times was as outspoken in its criticism of European countries as it could be of affairs in its own. One year later the Catholic press in Paris published an encyclical from Pope Leo enjoining submission to the Republican government.

THE FRENCH ROYALISTS.

(From Our Paris Correspondent.)

Those whose causes and schemes are doomed to failure have the habit of doing things at the very time when they should at all cost be avoided. There cannot be a more striking illustration of this than M. d'Haussonville's speech last Sunday at Nimes before the Royalist committees of Albi, Marseilles, Carcassonne, Montpellier, Toulon, Avignon, and Aix — regions in which extreme minds waver between the White Flag and the *bonnet rouge*, and in which the Royalists spread the *terreur blanche* and the Jacobins shed torrents of Royalist blood. There, at the very moment when a breath of conciliation is animating candid and sincere minds, M. d'Haussonville, the confidant and mouthpiece of the Comte de Paris, delivers a speech which is the event of the week, which has excited and will excite numberless comments, and which for France and the Royal dynasty will have serious and perhaps decisive consequences.

Cardinal Lavigerie, it will be remembered, initiated some months ago an important movement, in severing the cause of the Church from the Royalist cause by declaring Republicanism compatible with the interests of the Church, and by thus reassuring — and this is the important point which has hitherto been overlooked — overcame the scruples of conscientious Catholics who had longed, but had not ventured, to rally to the Republic. This is important because French women have a wonderful influence over the politics of their husbands, and because they themselves are often governed by religious scruples. To demonstrate to Catholics by the very mouth of their Church that they may fearlessly accept the Republic, notwithstanding the aggressions of Republican Governments against the Church, is to create a new party, a party whose future influence may be immense, a party adhering to Republicanism without identifying it with any man, sect, or party.

. . . The irreconcilable Royalists and Catholics are headed by Bishop Freppel, a prelate who ruins the causes which he defends, and who has gone to Rome to threaten the Pope with a defection among the subscribers to Peter's Pence, and who regards the St. Bartholomew Massacre as the ideal method of persuasion, together with M. de Cassagnac, who has done more harm to Conservatism in general, and Bonapartism in particular, than all their enemies put together.

. . . . The Comte de Paris has chosen to go with Bishop Freppel and M. de Cassagnac rather than with the Pope, so liberal in this case, and the priests and laymen who are following his advice. Never was there a worse moment for launching a futile defiance at established institutions, for attacking ideas of conciliation and compromise, and for placarding the pretensions of an irreconcilable pretender. It is like erecting an impassable barrier on the road which separates Monarchy and France. At the moment when a section of Royalists, deferring to the logic of facts, and to the oft-repeated will of the country, are relegating to the bottom of their hearts and their hopes and regrets, and are forgetng the motionless flag which they have hitherto served, in order to think only of the flag of France, which they wished to serve even under a Republic — a moment when, without ceasing to love the King, they love their country above everything — the Comte de Paris confronts them, to withstand their fervour, mock their efforts, treat them as enemies of Monarchy, and appeal to the coarse fanaticism of the South; strives to create an obstructive Chouannerie in the country of the Albigenses, and makes his mouthpiece exclaim "Perish France sooner than renounce my implacable conflict against her."

Nothing could be more ill-inspired, nothing more fatal for the King's accession than the conduct of those who agree to figure at this Nimes gathering, by which the Comte de Paris has gone backwards ten years, and has lost all chance of seeing France accept the idea of his return . . . M. d'Haussonville's speech, which will split the Royalists in two — servile courtiers on one side, and devoted citizens on the other — is an absurd scheme, and, if care not be taken, may become a mischievous act.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 14: By command of The Queen, the Earl of Dundee (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London today upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Lebanon and Madame Gemayel and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 15: Mr Richard Day had the honour of being received by The Queen at Windsor Castle this morning when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Harold Court had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 14: The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight upon the conclusion of Their Royal Highness's visits to Portugal and Toulouse, France.

Viscountess Campden, Sir John Riddell, BT, Mr Humphrey Mews, Mr Victor Chapman, Surgeon Commander Anthony Osborne, RN and Lieutenant-Command Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

The Duchess of York will attend a performance of *Swan Lake* by the Northern Ballet at the Theatre Royal, Bath, on March 17.

A memorial service for Sir Harry Platt will be held in Manchester Cathedral on Friday, March 6, 1987, at 2.30 pm. For further details telephone 061-273 8241.

Birthdays today

Mr P.E.R. Bailey, 62; Mrs Stella Clarke, 55; Mr Anthony Dowell, 44; Mr David Emms, 62; Sir Geraint Evans, 65; Lord Franks, OM, 82; Mr Mike Holding, 33; Professor Jack Levy, 61; Mr John McEnroe, 28; Sir Maitland Mackie, 75; Sir Michael Milne-Watson, 77; Sir John Peck, 74; Mr John Schlesinger, 61; Sir Kenneth Selby, 73; Sir James Swaffield, 63; Mr Justice Webster, 63.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, president, will attend the president's dinner at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, at 7.40.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Heinrich Barth, explorer in North Africa, Hamburg, 1821; Sir Francis Galton, geneticist, Birmingham, 1822; Ernst Haeckel, biologist, Potsdam, 1834.

DEATHS: Henry Walter Bates, naturalist, London, 1892; Giousé Carducci, poet, Nobel laureate 1906, Bologna, 1907.

Dinner

Hunterian Society

The anniversary dinner of the Hunterian Society (the 259th anniversary of the birth of John Hunter on February 13, 1728) was held on Thursday, February 12, 1987, at the Inn on the Park Hotel, Park Lane. The president, Mr Georges Jantet and the fellows of the society entertained the guests who included Mr John Biffen, MP, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, and the Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh.

Bishop's challenge to the Synod

When duty is to explore other ways

The Bishop of London, Dr GRAHAM LEONARD, talked exclusively last week to CLIFFORD LONGLEY, our Religious Affairs Correspondent, about his possible response if the Church of England moves inexorably towards the ordination of women priests.

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, said last week that he had turned his face against dividing the Church of England into two parts, one with women priests, and one, a so-called "continuing Church of England" without them.

So if the General Synod decided to proceed by a significant majority towards ordaining women at its meeting in two weeks' time, he expected to lead a group of Anglicans in discussions with other episcopal churches, with a view to entering full communion with them in due course.

The House of Bishops' recent report had recognized that "those who could not remain would need to find other ways of continuing in existence, and will be entitled to explore such ways".

Dr Leonard commented: "That is a quite clear invitation. How I am going to respond to that I don't know." He had issued a statement earlier in the week which referred to "definite actions" if the General Synod was seen to be moving inexorably towards women priests. Asked what that "definite action" might consist of, he replied: "It might involve, for example, talking about the possibility of some relationship between us and another church."

The definite action would mean saying to them: "Look, this is the position we have been put in, is there any possibility of some sort of arrangement?"

The trigger for such definite action would be a clear decision by the General Synod, probably later this month or perhaps later on. If, as many expect, only a bare majority may be found for proceeding with the ordination of women this time, short of the two-thirds majority which the legislation will eventually need, Dr Leonard would regard that as insufficient to trigger his "definite action".

Dr Leonard went on: "Obviously one does not do that until one is forced to." He referred to Cardinal Newman's *An Essay On The Development Of Christian Doctrine*, which expressed the view that division of the church was not a schism, and not therefore a sin, if it was a duty.

"When the truth is at stake, it may not be schism, it may be division which is right and necessary", he repeated, summarizing Newman's argument. Newman's essay, as Dr Leonard recalled, was written as an Anglican and published after his conversion to Rome.

Dr Leonard envisaged, in the light of the Synod's decision in a fortnight's time, a group of Anglicans, meeting him to discuss their approaching the Roman Catholic and Orthodox authorities, and suggested some relationship, perhaps on the model of the Roman Catholic churches "uniate" arrangement (such as exists with the Ukrainian Catholic Church).

A uniate arrangement "had been talked about" already, he said, and he wondered if such an arrangement could be created with the Orthodox churches. There were two issues on any arrangement with Rome. "One would clearly use the uniate idea. On the other hand, it could be used in a more general sense as a church which retained its own practices as exemplifying a pattern of church life."

Such a group would have to be set up by an act of authority by the church, Orthodox or Catholic, which agreed to such an arrangement. He did not envisage the departing group as constituting a separate church, even for a short period.

He recognized that the completion of such an arrangement if it was before his retirement in 1991 would entail his resignation as Bishop of London, as he was certainly not contemplating transferring London, as an ecclesiastical see intact, into communion with another church.

But he added: "I don't think anything of this kind could be done by individuals on their own initiative. I would not expect Roman Catholics or the Orthodox to take notice if it actually encouraged people going out. If on the other hand people are told to go, and encouraged to explore other ways, which we have been, then we are now free to look around and say — well, what are the other ways?"

That, for him, meant a "corporate relationship" with Rome or the Orthodox churches. "I do set my faith against the continuing churches — I have been quite consistent on that. If I was to think in terms of leading a continuing church I would be adding to the divisions. Therefore, if it is not possible for me to continue in the Anglican Communion then my natural instinct leaves me to say that the sensible thing is to see who I can join up with."



Dr Graham Leonard

Part of the slightly sceptical reaction from some churchmen to Dr Leonard's remarks was based on their better knowledge of the Orthodox Churches, which have always deplored the "uniate" arrangements made within the Roman Catholic Church, both for theological reasons and because Rome has used them to set up rival churches to the Orthodox.

Part of this scepticism was also based on knowledge of the very limited American experiment of Anglican-rite parishes in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, which would be a precedent for the sort of arrangement Dr Leonard might be seeking. Nevertheless, Dr Leonard accepted when discussing the idea last week that there would have to be humility in such an approach to another church: "They might say yes to A and B, no to X and Y."

About 30 former Anglican priests have been accepted by Rome for ordination as Roman Catholic priests in the United States, and most of them are married. Under a scheme called a "pastoral provision", which is described as "for the sake of consciences", they are under separate local jurisdiction which is answerable to Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston. They have been allowed by the Vatican to use a modified version of the Episcopalian liturgy.

In Britain, a formerly Anglican congregation in the Midlands has been trying for some while to negotiate a similar scheme, but the indications are that the Roman Catholic hierarchy in England are not keen. Meanwhile, several applications for the (re-)ordination of convert married clergy have been forwarded to Rome by the English Catholic authorities, and are expected to be approved. But these do not entail any arrangements for preserving a distinct Anglican ethos.

The "pastoral provision" in the United States has imposed some strains on Anglican goodwill towards the Catholic Church, and Catholics there, including some bishops, are critical of it for similar reasons. The Vatican has kept the Archbishop of Canterbury informed throughout the discussion of these arrangements, and he is understood to view them as something the Anglican Church could just about tolerate without impairing its formal ecumenical relations with Rome.

Nature notes

More mistle-thrushes are singing; they seem to shout the short, ringing phrases from the tree tops, and even a strong wind does not silence them, as it does most other birds. Many pairs are already established; their territory is often centred on a holly bush rich in berries, or a colony of mistletoe.

Goldcrests have begun to sing in the firwoods, a thin humming that grows in volume until it ends in a brief whirl of notes.

Around northern coasts, most cider-duck have now paired; the black-and-white drake courts his mate with writhing head movements, pointing his beak at the water and then, with a twist, pointing it at the sky. Eiders have become much more numerous in recent years.

Silver catkins are opening on the sallows (or "pussy willows"): at a distance, the bushes look like a flurry of snow. At closer quarters the catkins are seen to be emerging from bright orange scales.

Green leaf-shoots are appearing on the brittle grey stems of elder bushes, where many of last year's leaves also hang, shrunken and brown. On roadside verges, young goose-grass plants are pushing up sturdily.

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Marriages

Lieutenant-Colonel T.E.M. Stoneham
and Mrs H.A.J. Thomas

The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, February 14, between Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Stoneham and Mrs Susan Thomas, widow of Dr Alun Thomas.

Mr J.C. Wakerley
and Mrs D.S. Adams

The marriage took place on February 14, 1987, between Mr John Charles Wakerley and Mrs Diana Seton Adams, both of Virginia Water, Surrey.

Parliament this week

COMMONS. Today (2.30): Broadcasting Bill, second reading. British Railways Bill, second reading.
Tomorrow (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on the disabled and on women in the community.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on Government expenditure plans.
Thursday (2.30): Banking Bill, remaining stages.
Friday (9.30): Private Members' Bills: Access to Personal Files Bill and Educational (Nutritional Requirements) Bill, second readings.
LORDS. Today (2.30): Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, third reading. Channel Tunnel Bill, second reading.
Tomorrow (2.30): Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill and Debtors (Scotland) Bill, report stages. Debate on EEC forestry policy.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on unemployment.
Thursday (3): Territorial Sea Bill, committee. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 (Continuance) Order. Debate on civil research and development.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E.B. Jones
and Miss S.P. Pitcher

The engagement is announced between Charles Edward Buchan, son of Sir Edward and Lady Jones, of the Lodge, Spa, Ballynahinch, Co Down, and Samantha Patricia, daughter of Mr Desmond Henry Pitcher, of Tudor Court, Birkdale, Lancashire, and Mrs Patricia Pitcher, of Fernlea, Oscroft, Tarvin, Cheshire.

Mr A.J. Cook
and Miss A.J. Lincoln

The engagement is announced between Andrew Cook, of Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Lincoln, of Moseley, Birmingham.

Mr C.L. Earl
and Miss E.A. Prince-Smith

The engagement is announced between Colin Earl, of Richmond, Surrey, and Elizabeth (Lilla) Prince-Smith, of Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr N.M. Ellis
and Miss V.J. Hudson

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Norman A. Ellis, of Newton Solney, and Vicki, eldest daughter of Mr Reginald W. Hudson, of Queensland, Australia.

Mr M.G. Harrison
and Miss L.R. Jones

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr John M. Harrison and Mrs Clare E. Harrison, of Sutton Coldfield, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr Frank E. Jones, of Lovelace Hill, Solihull, and Mrs Josephine E. Jones, of Sutton Coldfield.

Mr S.A. Hill
and Miss S.M. Steel

The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Hill, of Headley Down, Surrey, and Sheila, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Steel, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr R.T. Jennings
and Miss D.M. Archard

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Major and Mrs Brian Jennings, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Dianne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Archard, Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr S.G. Lee
and Miss D.S.J. Galton-Fenzi

The engagement is announced between Stephen Lee, of Grays, Essex, and Susan Galton-Fenzi, of Duntisbourne, Leer, Cirencester.

Dr D.C.N. Jones
and Miss A.J. Rhodes

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Jones, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Aileen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Owen Rhodes, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr H. Llewellyn-Morgan
and Miss A.L. Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of the late Dr D.B. Llewellyn-Morgan and Dr C.A.M. Llewellyn-Morgan, of Llanelli, Dyfed, and Anne-Louise, only daughter of Mr J.A. Ferguson, of London, and Mrs K.D. Ferguson, of Hale, Cheshire.

Mr C.W.J. Lillywhite
and Miss T.E. Buttery

The engagement is announced between Christopher William John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Lillywhite, of Chilham, Kent, and Tessa Elizabeth, only daughter of Mrs David Buttery and the late Dr D.J. Buttery, of Ashford, Kent.

Mr R.N.A. Newman
and Miss S.D. Calvert

The engagement is announced between Roger Nigel Aisher, son of Mr C.R. Newman, of Muswell Hill, London, and Mrs E.W.H. Browne, of Groisy, France, and Silvia Dawn, daughter of Mr and Mr J. Calvert, of Sabden, Lancashire.

Mr S.A. Smith
and Miss A-M. Henriques

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of the late Mr Richard Smith and Mrs Garland Pate, of Birmingham, Alabama, United States, and Anna-Michelle (Booney) Henriques, of 14 Southwell Gardens, London SW7, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Henriques.

Mr P.M. Stibbe
and Miss H.M. Rawlinson

The engagement is announced between Paul Stibbe, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Hazel Rawlinson, of Wightwick, Wolverhampton.

Mr G.R. Wade
and Miss L.M. Simmonds

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs R. Wade, of Ringwood, Hampshire, and Laura, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G. Simmonds, of Avon Castle.

Mr A.M.K. Whitwam
and Miss L.D.O. Juckes

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Squadron Leader and Mrs A.S.J. Whitwam, of Reading, Berkshire, and Isobel, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs W.R. Juckes, of Broadway, Worcestershire.

Titanic diamonds plan

By David Sapsted

An American salvage team, backed by a Texas oil magnate, plans to "take possession" of the Titanic on April 15 in the first phase of a $13 million operation to raise the wreck.

The prize for the team is understood to be a haul of diamonds which Mr Jack Grimm now believes to be in the forward hold of the White Star liner, which went down on her maiden voyage 75 years ago with the loss of 1,513 lives.

Mr Grimm, whose previous exploits have included backing expeditions to find the Loch Ness monster and Noah's Ark, originally wanted to mount an underwater recovery operation in the forward section of the wreck more than two miles down.

However, it is now considered that the package could not be found without retrieving the whole of the bow section. Almost as an afterthought, the aft section of the broken-backed liner is planned to be recovered. The two pieces are eventually destined to return to Britain.

Mr Fred A. Leutcher, chief engineer of American Engineering Inc, of Boston, estimates it will cost $10 million to recover the bow and only another $3 million for the aft.

Despite professional scepticism about the state of the vessel, Mr Leutcher plans to survey the site of the sinking, 95 miles south of Newfoundland's Grand Banks, in the spring and to undertake a salvage operation intended to culminate in the raising of the vessel 12 months later.

"We plan to take possession of the Titanic by securing a line on her."

Princess Anne, Patron of Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v Wales match at Murrayfield on March 21.

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Science report

Gas cloud clue to quasar mystery

By Robert Matthews

An intensely bright cloud of gas on the outskirts of an elliptical galaxy could shed light on the nature of quasars, the quasi-stellar objects once described as less than a galaxy but far more than a star.

Still regarded as a mystery, they have been identified as regions of explosive activity found at the centre of some galaxies.

The mystery has been heightened by a cloud discovered within the southern-sky galaxy PKS 2152-69, which lies about 500 million light years away, by Clive Tadhunter, an astronomer from the Royal Greenwich observatory, and colleagues at the European Southern Observatory at La Silla, Chile.

Analysis of its light has revealed that the atoms of several elements within the cloud have been stripped of some of their orbiting electrons, which implies very high temperatures of around 130,000OC.

What excites astronomers most about the cloud is that such intense activity is usually confined to the central region of a galaxy, but this cloud lies about 30,000 light-years from the centre.

Astronomers are now looking for clues that can help to explain how the quasar-like activity has been generated.

One hypothesis is that the cloud is simply a companion galaxy to PKS 2152-69 which has a quasar at its centre, and just happens to be lying in our line of sight.

However, it is known that PKS 2152-69 is a strong emitter of radio waves, whose source is the central nucleus. Astrophysicists believe that the nucleus creates two oppositely directed jets of extremely fast-moving electrons which smash into the gas between stars in the galaxy.

The bright cloud lies roughly in the direction of one of the jets, so the implication is that whatever is happening within the cloud has been triggered off by the impact of the jet on the interstellar gas.

One idea is that, by causing the material in the cloud to collapse under the impact of the jet particles, the material has become dense enough to kindle nuclear fusion reaction within it, triggering off star formation.

But the sheer violence of quasar behaviour has led most astrophysicists to the conclusion that only the power of the gravitational field of a massive black hole could account for it. As yet, evidence for a collapsed object at the heart of the bright cloud is lacking, though an analysis of the data is continuing.

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OBITUARY

KAROLOS KOUN

Breathing life into ancient plays

Karolos Koun, the Greek theatre director whose colourful productions of Aristophanes took Classical drama out of the study and brought it to life for contemporary audiences all over Europe, died in Athens on February 14. He was 78.

He was born on September 13, 1908, at Bursa in Turkey, and educated at Robert College, Istanbul.

After studying in Paris, he moved to Athens in 1929 to teach English at Athens College. It was there that he first staged student productions of Shakespeare, Euripides, and Aristophanes.

He was still teaching in 1934 when he formed Laiki Skini, the Popular Theatre, where he trained his first repertory company. In 1941 he set up Theatro Technis, the Art Theatre.

This was the first Greek theatre-in-the-round, and in spite of financial and political constraints, formed the nucleus of what became almost a cult in culture-starved Athens under the German Occupation. The Greek premieres of works by Brecht and Pirandello were among its productions.

During the civil war Koun closed the theatre. It opened again after the end of the war, but was frequently in trouble with official opinion, because of the bawdiness of its productions.

These, while respecting the spirit of their originals, introduced spectacular elements that sought to transcend the gap between classical author and contemporary audience.

His 1964 production of Aeschylus's *the Persians* in London featured a chorus of Whirling Dervishes. Sometimes he seemed to be way ahead of his fellow countrymen.

In 1957 his controversial production of Aristophanes's *The Birds* was booed off the stage at the Herod Atticus Theatre in Athens when the ancient priests in the play turned up in the garb of Greek Orthodox clergy, stovepipe hats and all.

It was only in 1962, when a production *The Birds* was rapturously received at the Theatre des Nations in Paris, that opinion at home was forced to relent towards a man who had now become an international celebrity.

The Birds also had en enthusiastic reception when it was seen in London as part of the 1964 World Theatre Season. The following year he brought Aeschylus's *The Persians* to London and then toured both plays in the Soviet Union.

In 1967 he directed a well-received *Romeo and Juliet* at Stratford, and he was back in Britain in 1969, when he brought *Oedipus Rex* and *Lysistrata* to that year's World Theatre Season.

He triumphantly toured Europe with plays by Aristophanes and the three great tragedians. But at home, with the military junta having seized power, the Art Theatre found life more difficult again.

Koun's shows were under constant theatre of closure, audiences, intimidated, often stayed away, and the theatre only survived through to grants from the Ford Foundation.

The departure of the Colonels in 1974 was celebrated by a production of *The Birds* in the ancient theatre at Epidaurus. This attracted an audience of 14,000.

Koun introduced ensemble acting to Greece and in the process, coached generations of Greek actors. These included Melina Mercouri, the present Culture Minister, who, as they all did, affectionately addressed him as "The Teacher".

A short, stooped man, with a patriarchal beard and thick glasses, he was an inveterate chain-smoker.

MR JAMES AVERY JOYCE

James Avery Joyce who died on February 13, at the age of 84, was a passionate advocate of international co-operation and world federalism.

Learning public speaking as a Methodist lay preacher in the 1930s, he was a pioneer in the World Youth Movement, and led hikes for League of Nations youth groups across Europe.

He graduated in political science at the London School of Economics and studied international law and relations in Geneva.

During and after the war, he practised as a barrister in London, and contested two parliamentary seats as a Labour candidate, but he was soon in demand as a visiting lecturer.

For some years he served in the workers education division of the International Labour Organisation and as a consultant to UNESCO and the United Nations.

As author Joyce combined extensive research and a style readily understood by the layman. His plain man's guide to the law, *Justice at Work*, came out in paperback in 1955. *The Story of International Co-operation* (1964), for which U Thant wrote the foreword, was written for young people.

He also wrote the centenary history of the International Red Cross (1959) and his pacifist philosphy bore fruit in his world survey of capital punishment, *The Right to Life* (1961).

His case against the arms race is set forth in *The War Machine* (1980).

Joyce also found the time to champion causes such as calendar reform and animal rights.

His association with international affairs will be remembered longest in his histories of the League of Nations, *Broken Star* (1978) and the United Nations, *One Increasing Purpose* (1984).

In his eighties he refused to slow down, retaining his mischievious sense of humour.

MR MAURICE SMITH

Mr Maurice Armstrong Smith, DFC, Pathfinder pilot, writer and classic car restorer, died on February 11. He was 71.

He was editor of *Flight* from 1949 to 1957, and also edited *Autocar*. He retired nine years ago from IPC (Reed Business Publishing) as editorial director of these and other specialist publications.

After *Aeroplane* was taken over by its competitor, *Flight*, he re-launched it as an enthusiast monthly. He also launched the monthly *Thoroughbred and Classic Car*.

He was born on January 20, 1916, and educated at St George's, Harpenden, and Wadham College, Oxford. He learned to fly in 1934 in the Oxford University Air Squadron and trained as an engineer with the Rolls-Royce apprentice school before joining *Flight* in 1936.

He was commissioned in the RAFVR in 1937.

During the war, after instructing in Canada, he flew Lancasters and Mosquitoes, becoming a wing commander.

An outstanding navigator as well as pilot, he was assigned to the elite Pathfinder force which had the task of pinpointing and illuminating enemy targets for the bombers. He won two DFCs.

He flew on over forty raids, including one with which history has emotionally associated his name, the marking of Dresden, on the night of February 13, 1945.

Flying was his first love, and on rejoining *Flight* after the war he tested many difference types of aircraft, including helicopters. He was the first journalist to be invited by Boeing to test its new swept-wing B-47, the world's first strategic jet bomber.

But (like so many other connoisseurs) his favourite aircraft was the Miles Gemini, a pacific four-seat tourer of delightful handling characteristics.

He set the standard for the flight test reports which were to become a strong feature of *Flight*. He was a "hands on hardware" writer who, liked to be at the controls of aircraft or car, and not in the office talking about administration or budgets.

In later years, particularly after the death of his wife, Vivien, he found pleasure in driving and restoring classic cars. His particular loves were a 1909 Austin "ladies' town carriage", called Mrs Pankhurst, a 1903 Humberette, and an 1890s steam tricycle "Craigievar Express", which he restored and drove in the London to Brighton Veteran Rally.

He was an active member of the Guild of Coachmakers, of which he was a Past Master, and he was a Liveryman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators.

MISS DOROTHEA BRABY

Dorothea Braby, wood engraver and illustrator, died on February 4, at the age of 76.

She was born on October 7, 1909, and after attending St Felix School, Southwold, studied art in London, Florence and Paris.

She began her career as an illustrator in the 1930s, with book jackets and work for periodicals.

After the war she specialized in wood engraving, and illustrated a number of works for the Golden Cockerell Press and the Folio Society.

For the former, her *The Ninety-First Psalm* attracted attention, as did her illustration of the *Mabinogion*, which strongly conveyed the mysterious atmosphere of the great Welsh legends. For this task she devoted eighteen months to research and reading, to familiarize herself with the spirit of Celtic art.

Other illustrated works were the Sumerian epic, *Gilgamesh*, also for the Golden Cockerell, an edition of Keats for the Folio Society, and *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime* for the Rodale Press. These works are now collector's items.

She also published *The Way of Wood Engraving*, in the How To Do It series from Studio Publications.

Her marriage to Douglas Paul was dissolved. She is survived by a son and a daughter.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
St. John 1 : 18.

BIRTHS

BADHAM - On January 20th to Sue (née Gray) and David, a son, William Oliver James.

BRIGHAM - On February 7th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, at 1.07 pm, to Ronwyn and John a daughter Victoria Elizabeth, a sister for Sally, Matthew and Richard.

CARLTON JONES - On February 13th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Lesley (née Adler) and Peter, a son, Timothy Peter, a brother for Benjamin and Rupert.

CHAMBERLIN - On February 11th, to Susan (née Fahey) and Nicholas, Joseph and Thomas, brothers to James, Alexander, Edward and Harriet.

COAKER - On February 12th, to Caroline and Charles, a son.

DUNCAN - On January 26th 1987, in Stavanger, Norway to Sabrina (née Ginn) and James, a daughter, Imogen Alexandra.

GARVEY - On January 29th, to Pip (née Northey) and Bill, a son.

HAY - On January 31st to Debbie (née Rouse) and Malcolm a son Oliver.

HUELSMAN - On February 11th 1987 at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Jean and William, a son Matthew Paul.

LANCELOT - On February 13th 1987, in Durham, to Sylvia and James, a daughter, Rebecca Jane Clare.

MERCHANT - On February 9th, to Rosamund (née Baker) and Roger, a son, Alexander James William.

NORMAN-BUTLER - On February 11th, to Lindy and Giles, a daughter, Isabel.

PARKER - On February 12th, to Claudia (née Akerman) and Robert, a son, Felix Alexander.

SEARLE - on Valentine's Day 1987, at St. Mary's Hospital Paddington to Virginia Anne (née Tweedale) and John, a first son, Alexander James William.

SMITH - On February 10th, to Muriel (née Shannon) and John, a daughter, Katherine Muriel, a sister for Susan.

STANLEY - On February 11th, to Anita (née Keogh) and Chris, a daughter Ruth Mary Frances, a sister for Thomas.

STUTLEY - On January 21st, to Helen (née Knox) and Charles, a son, James Richard, a brother for Julian

VERNELL - On February 13th at the Aiiku Hospital, Tokyo, to Anthea (née Bunge) and Michael, a son, Andrew John, a brother for William.

WARD - On February 10th at Westminster Hospital, to Louise (née Astor) and David, a daughter Victoria Mary, a sister for Oliver.

DUNELL - On February 11th 1987, peacefully at Elm Grove, Cirencester. Mary, aged 86, formerly of Chalford Hill, Gloucestershire. Funeral service on Friday 20th February at 3.30pm at Cheltenham Crematorium. No flowers. Enquiries to Packer and Slade (FD), Cirencester. Telephone (0285) 5525.

FLEGG - On February 11th, in a nursing home, Betty, widow of Martin Flegg, mother of Diana. Service at St. John the Evangelist, Pendelin Road, Redhill, Surrey, at 2.30pm on Friday 20th February, following private cremation. No flowers. Donations to National Trust, Polesdon Lacey, Surrey. Enquiries Tel: 0306-750817.

HALL - On February 12th in Middlesex Hospital, aged 74, John Houghton Hall B.E.M., beloved husband of Margaret and greatly loved father, grandfather and brother. Known to family as Jack, to his friends and Sapper old comrades as Nobby, and to many politicians as Henry. He will be sorely missed. Service and cremation, February 19th, 2.30pm, at South London Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Leukemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond St, London WC1.

HAY - On February 12th, at home, (James) Ian C.A. of the Audit Bureau of Circulation. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy and beloved father of James. Funeral service at Braywick Lawns, Maidenhead 12.30pm, Thursday February 19th. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Marie Curie Foundation.

HERRON-BODGE - On February 13th, suddenly but peacefully at her home, Sarsden House, Churchill, Oxon, Valentine Kathleen (Pat). Funeral service will take place at The Church of Saint James, Sarsden at 11am on Tuesday 17th February, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund may be left at the church or sent c/o Barclays Bank, 202093, Chipping Norton, Oxon.

HOWE, JACK - On February 12th 1987 peacefully at home, much loved husband of Kay, father of Paula and Jessica, Colin, and Papa to Ben and Scott, and lovingly remembered by Kit and Marguerite. Funeral Service at the U.R.C, Eden Street, Kingston, Surrey on Thursday 19th February at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at Kingston-upon-Thames Crematorium.

HUTTON - On February 12th 1987, Ida Mary, aged 97 years, peacefully at Bryony House, Selly Oak, Birmingham, widow of William Vincent Hutton. Sometime of Sri Lanka and Petts Wood, Kent. Service on Friday February 20th at 2 pm at St George's Church, Edgbaston, Interment at Lodge Hill Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Bryony House either direct or through Mr L H Pinkess, 17, Wheatsheaf Road, Birmingham, B16 ORZ.

JOBLING - On February 8th, in a sudden and tragic car accident in Athens, Greece, Steven aged 22. Deeply loved elder son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Jobling and elder brother of Douglas. This rose will live for ever in the hearts of his family and friends. Cremation service will be at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Crawley, Sussex at 1.30 pm Friday February 20th. Flowers and enquiries to B.C. Baker & Son, 15-17 High Street, Caterham, Surrey (0883) 43219.

LADE - On February 10th 1987, peacefully after a short illness courageously borne at Wellington Cottage Hospital, Violet Muriel, mother of Jeremy, widow of the late Doctor LC Lade, much loved by her family and friends. Private cremation, flowers may be sent to: Thomas Brothers, High Street, Wellington, Somerset.

LAST - On February 13th, peacefully at the Oak Lodge Home, Winslow, Trude Last. Cremation at Chilton crematorium, Amersham on February 19th at 4pm.

PATCH - on February 11th 1987, peacefully in hospital, Jennifer (Jenny) Kay (née Malley), aged 47 years. Loving wife of Simon, mother of Fenella, sister of Simon and friend to many. Funeral service at St. Luke's Church, Sydney St., Chelsea, on Thursday, February 19th at 12.00 noon followed by private cremation. Flowers to G.S. Keates of Hampton Hill, tel 01-977 3127 or donations to the Viscount Tony Pandy National Benevolent Fund For The Aged, 35 New Bond St. London EC2M 1NH.

ROBLEDO - On February 12th suddenly in Bogota, Colombia, Luis Robledo father of Luis Carlos and brother of Mrs Richard Greene. Requiem Mass at a later date.

SEELY - On February 12th, Ivy Angela M.B.E. in hospital, aged 88. Dearly loved aunt and great aunt. Funeral 2.00pm, Friday February 20th, at St. Simon Zelotes, Milner Street. Followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries, to Kenyon and Son Tel: 01 937 0757.

SMITH - On February 13th 1987, peacefully in Malvern, James Stewart Smith C.M.G., K.C.S.G., aged 86, beloved husband of Rosemary. Requiem Mass at The Church of The Holy Redeemer, Priest Lane, Pershore, on Friday February 20th at 11.30am.

TWEDDLE - On February 12th, peacefully and with dignity and courage, Pamela Charlotte (Pam), devoted wife of Alistair and loving mother of Elizabeth, Richard and Caroline and her grandchildren, Stephen, Ian, Scott and Sara. Also mother-in-law to Roger and Alison. Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrews U.R.C, Northey Avenue, Cheam on Friday February 20th 1987 at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Andrews U.R.C., Cheam.

WILLS - On Wednesday February 11th, peacefully after a short illness, Joan Freda. Beloved mother of Penelope and grandmother to Tracy. Funeral at Eastbourne, Langney crematorium, 11.00am Thursday 19th February.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARSHALL - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of David Basil Marshall, Consultant Physician in Medicine for the Elderly and Hon. Medical Director, Mimorlands Hospice, Service St. Anne's RC Church, North Street, Keighley, West Yorkshire on February 28th 1987 at 2pm.

Church news

The Rev Canon J G M W Murphy, at present Rector of Sandringham, diocese of Norwich, and soon to become Rector of Christchurch Cathedral on the Falkland Islands, is to be also Honorary Canon Emeritus of Norwich Cathedral.

Other appointments:

The Rev M I Balchin, Rector, Chapelgate with Huish Champflower and Clatworthy, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Archdeaconry Rural Affairs Officer for the archdeaconry of Taunton, same diocese.

The Rev P Bayes, University Chaplain in the West London Chaplaincy, diocese of London, to be Team Vicar, High Wycombe Team Ministry, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev D L E Berry, Rector, Skelton and Upleatham, Cleveland, diocese of York, to be Vicar, St Aidan, Barrow, diocese of Carlisle.

The Rev N W Brewin, Vicar, St Michael's, Norton-on-Tees, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar, St Andrew's, Headington, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev S A Evesson, Team Vicar, St Francis, Lincoln, to be Team Vicar, diocese of Lincoln, to be Team Vicar, Howden Team Ministry with special responsibility for Eastrington and Laxton, diocese of York.

The Rev T J Farmiloe, Rector, Norton St Philips with Hemington and Hardington and Lawton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Archdeaconry Rural Affairs Officer for the deaconry Rural Affairs Officer for the Archdeaconry of Wells, same diocese.

The Rev Preb A E J Feller, Vicar, St Mary on Paddington Green, diocese of London, to be also Area Dean of the Westminster (Paddington) Deanery, same diocese.

The Canon G T Gray, Vicar, St Nicholas with St Mary, Strood, diocese of Rochester, to be Chaplain, Huggens College, Northfleet, same diocese.

The Rev P E J Hall, Curate, Kenton, diocese of London, to be Chaplain to Ordinands and Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Exeter, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev B Harris, Head Teacher, Prestwich High School, Manchester, with permission to officiate in the diocese of Chester, to be Priest-in-charge, St Werburgh, Warburton, diocese of Chester.

The Rev D Marshall, Vicar, Abingdon, diocese of Oxford, to be also Rural Dean of Abingdon, same diocese.

The Rev P Nicholas, Priest-in-Charge, St Peter, Leicester, diocese of Leicester, to be Vicar, All Saints, Shard End, Birmingham, diocese of Birmingham.

The Rev N J S Parry, Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Hendon, diocese of London, to be Assistant Curate, Verwood, Dorset, diocese of Salisbury.

The Rev A P Pinchin, Assistant Administrator, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar, Higham with Marston, diocese of Rochester.

The Rev J P C Reed, Rector, Timsbury with Priston, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Archdeaconry Rural Affairs Officer for the Archdeaconry of Bath, same diocese.

The Rev J W Thacker, Resident Minister, Penkridge, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar, Brotherton Group, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev D Turner, Priest-in-Charge, St Leonards-on-Sea, St Peter and St Paul, diocese of Chichester, became Vicar, St Leonards-on-Sea, St Peter and St Paul, same diocese, on 21 January 1987.

The Rev E Wilkinson, Vicar, Westfield, St John the Baptist, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar, Bexhill, St Stephen, same diocese.

The Rev G W Young, Area Secretary, South American Missionary Society, to be Vicar, St John, Bexleyheath, diocese of Rochester.

Resignations and Retirements

The Rev D Dicklinson, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Accrington, diocese of Blackburn, to resign on 31 March 1987, because of ill health.

The Rev Canon R N Humphries, Vicar, Newport with Widdington and Rural Dean, Newport and Stansted, diocese of Chelmsford, to retire on 31 March 1987. Appointed Emeritus Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral on his retirement.

Preb H W H Knapman, diocese of Bath and Wells, retired from his Prebendal Stall, on 1.2.87.

Rev A W C Thomas, Vicar, St Jude, Wolverhampton, diocese of Lichfield, to retire on June 30, 1987.

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★ **THE AMEN CORNER:** Powerful James Baldwin drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (01-328 8626). Tube: Kilburn. Mon to Sat 8-10.50pm, matinée Sat 4-6.50pm. £3-£6. Until Feb 28.

☆ **CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL:** Colin Blakely in attractive Ayckbourn transfer from the NT; how to break hearts and wreak havoc by being tremendously good-natured. Last three weeks.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686/7 or 01-434 1050). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.20pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.50pm, £3.50-£13.50. Until March 7.

★ **THE CID:** *The touring Cheek by Jowl company's marvellous resurrection of Corneille's masterpiece. The struggle of love against honour made human and witty.*
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, matinée Thurs 2.30-4.40pm, Sat 3-5.10pm, £5-£8. Until Feb 21.

☆ **HOLIDAY:** Lindsay Anderson's fine production of creaking old Broadway play about the sufferings of the super-rich. Stars Mary Steenburgen and Malcolm McDowell.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. Mon to Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 7.45-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, Sat 4-6.45pm. £3-£12.50.

★ **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Glenda Jackson and Joan Plowright in Lorca's grim drama of *female sexual frustration. A soft* centre weakens the impact.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667, cc 01-741 9999). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, matinée Sat 5-7.10pm, £6-£14.50. Until Apr 18.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tue-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat and Sun 3-5pm, £6-£12, until March 14.

☆ **MR AND MRS NOBODY:** The home life of the Pooters. Imaginatively staged and not too cosy too often. Judi Dench and Michael Williams a beguiling *couple.*
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road. WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8-10.10pm, matinée Tue 3-5.10pm, Sat 5-7.10pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **SCOUT'S HONOUR:** Left-wing council inherits fascist money and farcical results ensue. Often hilarious.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon to Sat 7.45-10pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10. Until March 28.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tue to Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, *Sat 5-7pm, Sun* 4.30-6.30pm. £4-£11.50.

☆ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** Pleasant 1930s comedy about the *humble greetings card rhymester* with a gift for tipping racehorse winners.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1. Tube: Waterloo. *Mon 7.30-9.45pm,* £7.

☆ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF:** Billie Whitelaw and Patrick Stewart play the alcoholic academics in revival of Albee's finest drama.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Previews today and Tues 7.30-10.30pm, opens Wed 7-10pm. Thurs to Sat 7.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £6.95. Until March 5.

☆ **WOMAN IN MIND:** Poignant Ayckbourn drama with award-winning Julia McKenzie as a wife at her wits' end.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon to Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in *Bernstein's zippy musical.*
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OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Fifth of July:** Vietnam veteran coming to terms with the past among eccentric Missouri folk; British premiere of Broadway success.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.45pm. Thurs to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £1-£7.50, until Feb 21.

COVENTRY: ☆ **The Fifteen Streets:** Romance beckons across the great divide of class; adapted from Catherine Cookson's novel.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, £3.25-£5.75. Until Feb 21.

CROYDON: ☆ **A Piece of my Mind:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's new play covering 20 years of a writer's life.
Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls, *Park Lane, Croydon* (01-688 9291) Mon to Sat 7.45-10pm. £5.50-£6.50. Until Feb 21.

DERBY: ☆ **Our Day Out:** Willy *Russell's calamity-packed school* outing show.
Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5. Until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to *account. Odd play by* David Pownall, strongly acted.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, *until March 14.*

LEEDS: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael *Bogdanov's trilogy for the New* English Shakespeare Company.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971). *Henry IV Part One* today and Wed 7.30-10.30pm, *Sat* noon-3pm, *Henry IV Part Two* Tues and Thurs 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 4-7pm, *Henry V* Wed 2-5pm, Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, £3-£9.

LEEDS: ☆ **Camille.** First performance outside the West End of Pam Gems's stirring tear-jerker. With Diane Keita.
Playhouse Theatre, Caverley Street (0532 442111) Mon and Tue 8-10.10pm, Wed to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, until March 7.

POOLE: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222). Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm. £4.20-£5.20. Until Feb 21.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first *American musical.*
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16.50.

WATFORD: ★ **Madame Bovary:** Flaubert becomes romantic melodrama in a clever version by Edna O'Brien. Exciting scenes and passionate playing by Helen Mirren.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 25671). Mon to Thurs 7.45-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, Matinée Sat 14 and 21 at 3pm. £2.25-£7.50. Until Feb 21.

WORTHING: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in this Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production.
Connaught Theatre, Union Place (0903 35333). *Mon to Fri 7.30-*10pm, Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Wed 1.30-4pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £3-£5.25. Until Feb 21.

YORK: ☆ **Rebecca:** *Manderley* lives again. Will the second Mrs de Winter hold out against the forces of evil? With Tamsin Olivier and Gary Bond.
Theatre Royal, St Leonards Place, York (0904 23568) Mon, Tue, and Thurs 7.30-10pm, Wed 7-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm. £3.25-£6.50, until Feb 28.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☆ **Advance booking possible**

BOY SOLDIER (15): A soldier is charged with murder following an incident in Northern Ireland. An earnest drama from the director of Giro City, Karl Francis (100 min).
Metro Cinema (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

CACTUS (PG): Bizarre and powerful romance from Australia's *most adventurous film-maker,* Paul Cox, with Isabelle Huppert as the French visitor half-blinded in a car accident (105 min).
☆ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs *2.20, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.*

■ **FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (15):** The thinking teenager's teen *movie, with Matthew Broderick as* the charmed pupil of a Chicago high school playing hooky with friends. John Hughes writes and directs (103 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-223 4149) Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
☆ **Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
☆ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200) Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

THE FLY (18): Jeff Goldblum — an inspired choice — plays the experimental scientist undergoing a metamorphosis. Directed by David Cronenberg with his usual *emphasis on glossy, queasy* shocks (96 min).
☆ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, 01-930 3232)). Progs 12.00, 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.15.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (15): Woody Allen's assured comedy-drama chronicling the lives and loves of Hannah, her sisters, various husbands and partners. *With Allen,* Michael Caine, Mia Farrow — an excellent cast (107 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.05, 8.25.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 4.55, 7.25, 9.50.

HOLY INNOCENTS: Pointed rural drama from Spain, highlighting the plight of impoverished labourers in the 1960s. Directed in 1984 by Mario Camus (105 min).
ICA Cinema (01-930 3647) Progs *5.00, 7.00, 9.00.*

INSPECTOR LAVARDIN (15): Claude Chabrol at his old game — baiting the bourgeoisie in a cynical thriller, with Jean Poiret as the insolent cop pursuing the case of a Catholic writer found naked and dead on a Brittany beach (103 min).
☆ **Chelsea Cinema,** Kings Road (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15): *Well-behaved tearjerker with Mary* Tyler Moore as the woman forced from her domestic shell by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Allan Burns (111 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Progs 2.25, 5.00, 7.30, 10.10.

THE KEEP (18): Cock-eyed World War Two fantasy in which German troops wake up a supernatural *being in a Romanian fortress.* Directed by Michael Mann, creator of *Miami Vice* (95 min).
☆ **ICA Cinematheque,** The Mall, SW1 *(01-930 3647)* Progs *6.30, 8.30.*
THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG): Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure, based on Paul Theroux's novel about a family taking refuge from fast foods and vulgarity in Central America's rivers and jungle (119 min).
☆ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.30.

■ **THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18):** Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's *medieval murder mystery,* filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15.

ROCINANTE (PG): Ambitious *exploration of British society and* politics from the Cinema Action collective, sabotaged by a pretentious script. With John Hurt as a romantic dreamer forced to face reality (93 min).
☆ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.55.

■ **ROUND MIDNIGHT (15):** Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians; with Dexter Gordon as a saxophonist in Paris befriended by an idolizing Frenchman (131 min).
☆ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly *beautiful parable, shot in Sweden,* with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end (149 min).
☆ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). Progs *2.10, 5.05, 8.10.*

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** Animated version of Raymond *Briggs's best-seller about a placid* old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☆ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs *1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.*
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☆ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.



After years spent touring smallish venues and late-night cabaret, the bright girls of Fascinating Aida arrive with a programme of their own material to fill the Piccadilly (1,100 seats) for a four-week season. Their only previous appearance in a London theatre has been at the Donmar Warehouse where their manager, Nica Burns, is artistic director. Dillie Keane (above left), Irish from Portsmouth, formed the group and is the only survivor of the original line-up. Adèle Anderson (centre), from Birmingham, joined in 1984 in time for the TV documentary that rocketed them overnight "from total obscurity to near total obscurity". Australian Denise Wharmby (above right) is the newest member of a witty, energetic, deceptively scatterbrained team who have built up a devoted following for their songs of blighted romance and comic rudery. The origin of the name is mysterious although their record album, *Sweet FA*, suggests one line of thought. Officially, the inspiration came from the mispronounced name of a Mexican stripper, Super Olga, but we have our doubts. Fascinating Aida are appearing at the Piccadilly from tomorrow.
Jeremy Kingston



Oscar time is nearly here again and the bookmakers' favourite for best film is Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters* (see listing). But if Allen does win, will he be there to receive the award? On past form it seems unlikely. His previous Oscar was for *Annie Hall* in 1978, but on the night of the ceremony Allen was 3,000 miles away — playing jazz in a New York club.

☆ **JOE ELY:** With so much loose talk about "new country" in the air, why is the toughest Texas country-rocker of all receiving so little attention?
Mean Fiddler, 28A Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £4.

☆ **THE ICICLE WORKS:** The Liverpudlian trio could have a hit on their hands with "Evangeline". Punchy 1980s rock.
Rock City, 6 Talbot Street, Nottingham (0602 412544), 8pm, £3.50-£4.

OPERA

★ **NORMA:** Margaret Price, Britain's diva in exile, returns to Covent Garden to sing the title role in John Copley's new production of Bellini's opera. John Pritchard conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£40.

JAZZ

☆ **JOE HENDERSON:** His tenor saxophone bearing traces of both Coltrane and Rollins, Henderson made his reputation with a series of fine Blue Note LPs in the 1960s and has continued to develop into a probing improviser of notable intellectual capacity.
Ronnie Scott's Club, *47 Frith* Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). 9.30pm. £8 (£2 members).

☆ **DANISH RADIO BIG BAND:** *Once directed by the late Thad* Jones, this formidable 20-piece outfit recently collaborated with Miles Davis and is now under the baton of the composer and pianist Ole Knock Hansen.
MacRobert Arts Centre, Stirling (0786 61081). 7.30pm. £8.50.

☆ **DENNY WRIGHT BENEFIT:** The Digby Fairweather All-Stars and the Alex Welsh Reunion Band are among the top mainstreamers performing in aid of the guitarist Wright.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933). 7.30pm. £5.

DANCE

☆ **A MERE FLIGHT OF FANCY:** Only chance to see Helen Crocker's "aerodances" as part of the spring-loaded season of new dance.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 *(01-387 0031). 8-10pm, £4.*

☆ **FOOL'S DAY AND OTHER WORKS:** By Janet Smith and Dancers, a small group with a *varied repertoire.*
Arts Centre, University of Warwick, *Coventry* (0203 417417). 7.30-9.30pm. £4-5.

★ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** David Bintley's three-act treatment of the Hans Andersen story for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
His Majesty's, Rosemount Viaduct, *Aberdeen (0224 641122)* 7.45-10.35pm. £5-£12.50.

☆ **ADZIDO:** A company of black dancers and drummers in works *drawn from many African countries.*
The Leadmill Art Centre, 6-7 Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500). 8pm. £2.50.

GALLERIES

MERVYN PEAKE: 35 rare paintings of clowns and street scenes are among 600 items in this first major Peake retrospective.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-921 0600), Daily 10am-10pm, free, *until April 12.*

TERRY FROST: Painting from the 1980s by a prime mover in the St Ives School of abstract colourists.
Newlyn Art Gallery, Penzance (0736 63715). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until March 29.

BOB BRITTEN: Assured paintings which respond to the artist's recent travels in Berlin and India.
Kapil Jariwala Gallery, 148 Ellington Road, London SE5 (01-703 2451), by appointment, free, until March 7.

FRANK AUERBACH: Paintings by last year's winner at the Venice Biennale, so popular that the show is extended to February 20.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free.

YOKO TERAUCHI: Elegant and sinuous sculptures called Hot Lines *made from telephone cable by a Japanese artist now resident in* Britain.
Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299191). Tues-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 2-7pm, free, until March 15.

ERIC RAVILIOUS: Best known as a landscape painter and illustrator, this show comprises his designs for pottery.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1 (01-930 4811), Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until March 29.

BRUCE NAUMAN: Works made from neon tubing which subvert the glamorous conventions of advertising, by a major American artist little known here.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107), Tues-Sun 11am-5pm, Wed 11am-8pm, free, until March 8.

TALKS

BRICKS AND MORTAR — the Environment and the Media: *An illustrated lecture by John Drummond as part of the National Trust series.*
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). 6pm. £2.50.

BYZANTINE ART IN THE MEDIEVAL TREASURY: Gallery talk by Tanya Affifé.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371). Noon, free.

ROMANESQUE ENAMELS: Gallery talk by Tanya Affifé.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371). 2.30pm, free.

WALKS

Who are the cockneys?: meet St Paul's Underground. 11am. £2.50.

The Jewish East End: meet Aldgate Underground. 11am. £2.50.

Best of British pubs night: meet *Bond Street Underground* (ticket office). 7.30pm. £2.

Shakespeare's London: meet Museum of London. 2.30pm. £2.75.

OTHER EVENTS

MERVYN PEAKE: Opening today, an exhibition about the life and work of the English illustrator, artist, novelist and poet.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002). Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, free. Until April 12.

MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME: Organ recital by Jonathan Rennert at St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC2, 1pm, free. Piano recital by David Howells, St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall Yard, London EC1, 1pm, free. Baroque Chamber Music, St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, London EC2, 1.10pm, free.

TAPE SLIDE PRESENTATION: Manuscripts and their place in medieval art, 11am. Manuscripts of *the East Anglian period,* 12.30pm. Medieval psalters, 2pm.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BRISTOL OLD VIC: Season ticket booking from today for *John Bull,* rare revival of 19th-century comedy by George Colman the Younger, at Theatre Royal (April 1-May 2). Also at New Vic, *Road, Turn the Tale off Stu,* and *The Great Kovari* magic show (March-April).
Bristol Old Vic, King Street, Bristol (0272 24388).

LAST CHANCE

THE AMERICAN CLOCK: Last performances by Peter Wood's NT *Group of Arthur Miller* vaudeville with songs of 1920s and 1930s. Mon-Wed.
Olivier Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

HOLIDAY ON ICE: Final performances this week of annual ice-skating extravaganza, with lavish costumes and spectacular finale — The Gold*diggers.* Until Saturday.
Wembley Area, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly *draw for Premium Bond prizes are:* £100,000: 19CZ 580720 (the winner comes from the London Borough of Hackney); £50,000: 19WB 168733 (Renfrewshire); £25,000: 22VS 202018 (Leeds).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending February 8 :

BBC 1
1 *EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 29.80m*
2 EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 23.05m
3 A Question of Sport 19.05m
4 Three Up, Two Down 15.20m
5 Bergerac 15.15m
6 The Paul Daniels Show 13.60m
7 Holiday '87 (Tues/Wed) 12.95m
7 = Bread 12.95m
9 Bob's Full House 12.85m
10 That's Life 12.60m

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 18.55m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 17.80m
3 Wish You Were Here (Mon/Fri) Thames 16.30m
4 Surprise, Surprise LWT 13.05m
5 The Equalizer ITV 13m
6 This Is Your Life Thames 12.95m
7 Crossroads (Wed) Central 12.55m
8 *Crossroads (Tues) Central 12.30m*
9 Any Which Way You Can ITV 12.25m
9 = The A-Team ITV 12.25m

BBC 2
1 Moonlighting 5.90m
2 Indelible Evidence 5.15m
3 Gardeners' World 4.85m
4 The Mistress 4.45m
5 International Cricket (Sun) 4.40m
6 *Nozzers 3.85m*
6 = M A S H 3.85m
8 Charlie Chan and the Red Dragon 3.75m
9 Mission Impossible 3.70m
10 The Natural World 3.35m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.85m
2 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 6.30m
3 Sacred Heart 4.80m
4 Cheers 3.60m
4 = Goodbye Columbus 3.60m
6 The Waltons 3.35m
7 Countdown (Mon) 3.20m
7 = Private Sessions 3.20m
9 *Worzel Gummidge 3.15m*
10 Countdown (Wed) 3.10m
10 = Countdown (Thurs) 3.10m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.2m (6.2m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.7m (11.5m) Sat 2.7m (7.1m) Sun 2m
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Tonight 7.45 **HALLE ORCHESTRA.** Stanislaw Skrowaczewski cond. Rudolf Buchbinder piano Proc inc works by **BARBER, BEETHOVEN & TCHAIKOVSKY.**

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EVENTS

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OPERA & BALLET

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THE ARTS

A sort of zealotry

The Search For El Dorado **(BBC1) is a three-part *Everyman* report on the impact of Christianity on South America. Last night we dropped in on the Sanema tribe of the Venezuelan rain-forest, a primitive people who have survived for millenia without appearing on television.**

In the camera's presence, at least, today's flying missionary adopts a more sensitive approach than his *conquistador* forebears, and the Word of God takes its place behind toothpaste and aluminium saucepans.

"I've discarded the old ways", explained the most zealous convert. "Now I want goods, money and knowledge. I told my wives 'I've stopped being a shaman'." Some day he might get around to telling his wives about the Vatican's views on polygamy.

In the communal hut, the men of the tribe snorted hallucinogenic snuff and assumed the prancing, gibbering spirits of the beasts they had eaten for dinner (to the patent boredom of their women); over a white tablecloth, the celebrants of a meagre communion were invited to believe they were eating the body of a man. By such tokens does civilization announce its superiority.

Over on BBC2, the veneer of Georgian society was under threat from the Gothic novel. Seized by the perfervid imaginings of adolescence, the heroine of *Northanger Abbey* dreamt herself into a succession of sub-Ken Russell videos, where blood and satanism ran riot.

Given the immaculate period reconstruction of her waking hours, it was unfortunate that in her fantasies she also imagined the incidental music of the 1980s. Precognition on this scale is not generally associated with Jane Austen.

Martin Cropper

TELEVISION

British cinema brought home

As Channel 4's chief commissioning editor of fiction, David Rose has a huge influence on film-making in Britain: with *My Beautiful Laundrette* showing on Thursday in the new season of 'Film on Four', he talks to David Robinson

The first five years of Channel 4 have a place in British film history comparable with the arrival of Korda in the Thirties or Michael Balcon's Ealing Studios in the Forties. If there is really a renaissance of film-making in Britain, it is largely due to Channel 4's role in providing a continuity of production that has not existed since the days of the old studios. It is also the first British film organization to establish a distinctive identity abroad: at last year's Cannes Festival the channel figured on the credits of no fewer than 15 films, and *Mona Lisa* and *A Room with a View* are now strongly in the running for Oscars.

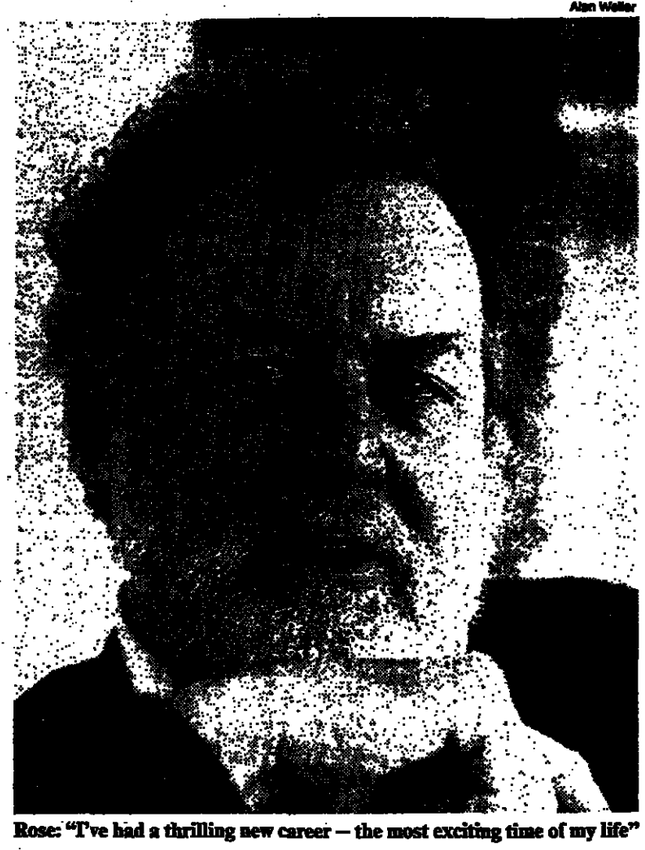
Inevitably the hundred or more films with which Channel 4 has so far been associated have included a share of resounding flops; but equally some of the most significant British films of the period have appeared under the banner of "Film on Four" – among them *Company of Wolves, Mona Lisa, The Draughtsman's Contract, Moonlighting, The Ploughman's Lunch, Dance with a Stranger, A Room with a View, The Assam Garden, Letter to Brezhnev, My Beautiful Laundrette, Caravaggio.* There has also been investment in foreign films as distinguished as *Paris Texas* and *The Sacrifice.*

No small part of the credit for all this belongs to David Rose who, as Chief Commissioning Editor, Fiction, has personally guided the channel's film strategies. His position makes him one of the most prolific producers in British film history: even Balcon, with 250 films in 40 years, never equalled Rose's annual average.

"You have to be careful about the word 'producer' though", Rose says. "We're a curious new animal, commissioning editors. But yes, I do look upon myself as one of the producers, even if it is not acknowledged as such on the screen. Our two greatest pleasures here are working with writers at the script stage and making a contribution at rough-cut stage. I have a feeling that a great deal of film-making goes on in the cutting room."

Rose is in a patronage position which could easily have attracted a lot of unpopularity, yet the only disgruntled ones are those who complain that they cannot get to talk to him about scripts they have submitted – hardly surprising since he receives more than 2,000 scripts a year, all of which go through a careful sieve that starts with a team of readers and a script editor.

Alan Weller



Rose: "I've had a thrilling new career – the most exciting time of my life"

A major reason for his success is no doubt his undiminishing enthusiasm for films and the people who make them. He is 62, but neither looks nor, he says, feels it. His grey hair and beard give him a somewhat nautical appearance. "The absurd thing is that when I came to Channel 4 from the BBC I was within three years of retirement", he says. "Since then I've had a whole thrilling new career – the most exciting time of my life."

Rose began his first career with an actors' course at the Guildhall and a stint in rep. After a spell as stage director and business manager with the Sadler's Wells Ballet, he joined the BBC in 1954, in what was called the dramatized documentary wing of the television drama department. "It was a system under which writers would spend three months in, say, a mining region, or with a provincial orchestra, and would come back with a real knowledge of life in that particular area which they could turn into drama. We were all in revolt against television drama of the Fifties, which seemed to derive from the West End theatre.

"Then for four years I produced *Z-Cars*: 176 live episodes. Some of them I directed. I was also directing dramas" – he won an Italia Prize – "and learnt to judge scripts. From 1971 to 1981 I was in Birmingham. Huw Weldon told me to find and nurture new writers, and to a lesser extent new directors and actors. That was my prime concern. Alan Bleasdale, Willy Russell, David Hare all did their first work for the screen in that period." No doubt it was the BBC experience which gave Rose his approach to films, which remains strongly orientated to script.

Rose will leave Channel 4 when his contract expires in March next year. Until that time he continues to initiate projects. "My successor will probably elbow some of my projects. There has to be a change of personality and judgement. I hope, though, that he will continue to appreciate our privilege of not having to submit the film-maker to commercial restraints."

Projects in hand include a programme of 11-minute shorts to be made by both new and established directors; new films by Peter Greenaway and Pat O'Connor; and co-productions with Poland and Australia. Rose is also proud to have a small investment in the octogenarian John Huston's new film, *The Dead.*

Given the growing financial problems, the vigour of Channel 4's prospective schedule is all the more creditable. "It is very difficult now to get a film off the ground for less than a million", Rose says. "In my first year I had £6m. in my budget with the idea of supporting 20 films. In fact we supported 23 that year. Since then production costs have risen about 125 per cent while my budget will have risen no more than 50 per cent, to £9m. So I have to find more money elsewhere. The number of films we can fully fund – as we did *My Beautiful Laundrette*, with its modest budget – is now very small."



Ever on the prowl, snapping and jerking: Sian Thomas as Hedda Gabler with John O'Toole as Eilert Loevborg

THEATRE

Hedda Gabler
Haymarket, Leicester

The opening image in this visually sumptuous production is of General Gabler's discontented daughter staring out at the audience through a sheet of black gauze stretching the full height and width of the Haymarket's considerable stage. It is an arresting, if hardly necessary, reminder that Ibsen's concern in this play is with barriers.

The most apparent of these is the impatience the bored Hedda feels for her bookworm husband, registered by Sian Thomas with disdainful snaps of her crisp voice and jerks of her crisp profile. But deeper than this lie Hedda's sexual fears and horror of ridicule which keep her prowling around her loveless home, envying those who jump into the deep end of life but too scared even to test the water.

Sian Thomas is a great prowler. In her glittering black dress, with its Tudor collar giving her the look of the wicked queen in *Snow White*, she stalks round the isolated clumps of furniture, confined by Gregory Smith's grandly funereal set, where black urns on pedestals suggest that the Tesman household inhabits the crypt of a military monument. Her hands prowl round her body; she shakes her shoulders as if expecting to find them winged with epaulettes.

Perhaps she could show more sudden envy of little Mrs Elvsted's courageous flight from her husband: she is reptilian with her (even the shimmering dress has scales) from the start. But it is a performance of always significant detail that keeps the play on course from that first bitter stare of the aimless woman to the closing moment when she takes aim at last and shoots.

Michael Boyd's direction shows a fine awareness of shape and tension, and in his shortened version of the Michael Meyer translation the character of the maid disappears virtually without loss. The arrival of visitors unannounced actually increases the nightmare sense of messengers closing in.

The deep-throated urbanity of Sean Scanlan's Judge Brack and the schoolboy chatter of Bill Stewart's Tesman bring to their scenes together an unholy cat-and-mouse comedy. Gaylie Runciman's appealing Thea Elvsted is radiant and quick-featured, and quite gulps with alarm when cornered.

Jeremy Kingston

Rebecca
Royal, York

The chap next to me had never seen the Hitchcock film, never even read the book, felt no trembling around the heart on hearing the magical opening words (spoken here by disembodied voice), "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again . . ." He actually did not know what was going to happen to mousy Mrs de Winter, or what had happened the previous summer to the first Mrs de Winter, fabulous Rebecca with her zest for living.

I wish we had been able to enjoy this revival, instead of him wondering what the fuss was about and I wondering where the magic went. Daphne du Maurier dramatized the novel herself, replacing first-person narration with stodgy exposition from fringe characters, so that the book's subtle claustrophobia and panic reduces to a thin tale studded with minor domestic crises in the first half, followed by a development that differs from the film in showing that heroes can get away with murder.

Gary Bond has dashing good looks and he flares into strange anger when required, but the script fails to give him opportunities to brood. The part was Olivier's in the film and in this production the role of the second Mrs de Winter is played by his daughter, Tamsin Olivier. Her eyes are large and lustrous, and she looks alarmed when Mrs Danvers draws near, but she is not yet plumbing the melodramatic terror felt by the character.

In the play's best part Hilary Tindall can make Mrs Danvers menacing merely by staring down from a balcony or gliding out of the shadows – into which Richard Digby Day's production plunges Manderley's baronial hall whenever the plot thickens. In her long, sonorous speech of love for Rebecca – and later in Maxim de Winter's balancing tirade of hate – the play does project the true melodramatic chill.

Those who expect the stage Manderley to go up in flames will be disappointed. But the hero does fell the cad with a sock to the jaw, slapping his fist to give the required sound. For me this marked the point where melodrama turned into farce.

J.K.

Sons aspiring to the family fame

CONCERTS

Oistrakh Trio
Wigmore Hall

By playing violin duets with his father, Valery Oistrakh invites stiff comparisons. Igor Oistrakh is the high priest of modern Russian violin playing; his superbly organized technique is allied to a musical personality so assertive that it borders on the combative. This emerges even when he plays the viola. His eerie, vibrato-less conception of the Adagio in Brahms's E flat Trio, Op 40, was so extraordinary that it completely overshadowed his colleagues.

For the 25-year-old Valery to occupy the same platform as such a father must be daunting enough. But many in this capacity audience must have been making an even sterner comparison, between this pair of Oistrakhs and the celebrated partnership of Igor and *his* father, David. The opening Adagio of Bach's Double Violin Sonata, BWV 1037, for instance – with its overlapping melodies and long held notes – inevitably recalled David and Igor playing the Double Violin Concerto's slow movement, and one could detect something of the same profusely nuanced style here.

Valery's tone is noticeably thinner than his father's, his phrasing not yet so ear-catching, and his intonation occasionally careless. However, his technique is no disgrace to the Oistrakh name. In the candy-floss flurries of Sarasate's *Navarra* he matched Igor every demisemiquaver of the way, and his ability to articulate rhythms clearly and sturdily helped to accentuate the turbulent quality of the Brahms Trio's scherzo and finale. With two such forthright string players in front of him, the redoubtable Leonid Block should perhaps have punched out his piano parts more forcefully.

Despite an interruption to mend a broken string at the height of its brutish first allegro, Prokofiev's Sonata for two unaccompanied violins, Op 56, proved to be the recital's highlight. This is not comfortable music – it stretches the players' technique, and its tough, quirky language needs convincing advocacy – but the Oistrakhs gave it a magnificently gutsy, well co-ordinated performance: a fine advertisement for this famous family business.

Richard Morrison

CLS/Hickox
Barbican

Eric Shumsky, Oscar's son, is a viola player: their joint visit to the Barbican provided an excuse to give Arthur Benjamin's Romantic Fantasy for violin, viola and small orchestra an airing. I am not entirely convinced that it was worth disturbing the mothballs.

Light-hearted to the point of drifting off the page, bland and discursive to the point of distraction, this 1937 work runs a Nocturne, a Scherzino and a rather tougher Sonata-Finale into each other with the greatest of ease. The idiom is nondescript, the scoring restless and spiced with a flash of piano here, a tinkle of triangle and xylophone there, and some fine horn-writing. But there is simply insufficient interest in the relationship between violin and viola.

With a surfeit of imitative entries and parallel passages, attention was drawn to Shumsky Jnr himself, towering above his father, and as reluctant to play for the beauty stakes alone. Benjamin's balmiest tunes were given quite an idiosyncratic edge. Eric Shumsky must return soon with, say, the Walton Viola Concerto in his suitcase.

At the other side of the interval was vintage Oscar Shumsky. The City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox provided the not over-inspired accompaniment to Viotti's Violin Concerto No 22. Beethoven and Brahms appreciated Viotti more easily than we can with their own works for comparison; but this predecessor by six years of Beethoven's concerto has plenty going for it. A long, spacious opening movement, with episodes of robust rusticity, leads to an austere Adagio, loose-limbed enough to draw the whimsical best out of Shumsky, in both song and ornament. A rollicking Rondo kept the CLS on its toes – just about.

Hilary Finch

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DANCE

Images
The Place

Earl Lloyd Hepburn stands out from what seem like hundreds of would-be choreographers graduating from the London Contemporary Dance School chiefly by virtue of his visual sense. In each of the four works given at The Place on Friday night by his Images Dance Company, he used some kind of stage property as an implement and a distinguishing feature.

In *Beneath the Bridge* it was a row of upright planks supported on a scaffold, plus a set of three wooden crates, providing the setting for what I suppose was an abstract impression of alienated youth. There were two planks again in *Mindless Matter*, but this time manipulated as weapons, hiding places, stretchers or trampolines.

Stilted Vision relied on bars of light to frame the performing area, and a harness made from rags and ropes. This was also the piece in which some of the dancers removed some of their outer clothing. Most striking of all was *Skin Deep*, a solo for Isabel Tamen in which she used a bowl of water to erotic but not prurient effect.

So Hepburn's work is less boring than most. But if he wants to develop as a serious choreographer he must either find more interesting movements or teach himself more interesting ways to arrange banal movements. It would help, too, if he could get away from the one mood of fraught anxiety. Like most of his contemporaries, he uses music mainly for background; one piece was to Philip Glass and the rest sounded glazed too.

John Percival

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62.1m	Cater Allen	333	+20	20.8	5.7	41.7
29.0m	Castles	85	+2	3.0	3.4	17.5
1,842.1m	Chase Manhattan	1230½	-4	77.2	5.5	7.1
5,272.9m	Citicorp	1230½		20.6	5.6	
1,669.9m	Commercebank	236		9.7	4.1	
77,388.8m	Deutsche Bank	1,551	+11	1200	4.8	
7,110.000	Equity & Gen	30½	-1	13	4.3	28.8
310.5m	First Nat Finance	235	+8	9.1	3.5	10.0
128.4m	Gerrard Nat	96		9.1	3.4	9.7
155.8m	Guinness Peat	98	-1	3.4	3.9	13.9
369.9m	Hambros	238		10.6a	4.8	9.7
404.0m	Hill Samuel	258		19.1	4.4	9.7
3,322.7m	HK Shanghai	283		3.0	0.8	
12.6m	Joseph (Leopold)	480		18.2	3.8	20.3
28.6m	Kleinwort Benson	578	+20	19.0	3.3	12.6
2,682.6m	Lloyds (as)	420		25.0	5.9	8.0
19.6m	Lon Scot	79		4.3	5.4	11.6
423.8m	Mercury Int	354	+13	8.6	2.4	
32.7m	Do 6% A	124	+3	6.0	4.8	
1,469.3m	Midland (as)	694	+17	37.1	5.3	23.5
623.0m	Morgan Grenfell	415	-2	12.1	2.9	
769.7m	Nat Aust Bk	242				
4,631.7m	Nat West (as)	617		27.5	4.5	6.4
62.0m	Ottoman	2135		69.0	4.8	16.8
158.2m	Provident	321	-5	18.6b	5.8	11.3
9,533.000	REA Co	223	-5	25	11.2	19.7
561.4m	Rothschild (J) Hld	154½	-1	7.6	4.9	19.1

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E

BREWERIES

2,524.9m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	356	+5	14.5	4.1	16.3
2,736.8m	Bass (aa)	695	-3	24.5	3.5	15.4
18.5m	Bathavon	72		1.0	1.4	36.5
143.5m	Boddingtons	134	-1	4.8	3.6	16.9
122.9m	Brown (Matthew)	152½	+3½	20.0b	13.2	17.9
22.3m	Buckleys	147	+2	4.3	2.9	34.0
78.6m	Bulmer (H P)	152	-6	7.7	5.1	15.5
35.8m	Burtonwood Brew	888	-2	16.4	2.2	22.9
42.2m	Clark (Matthew)	483		12.1	2.5	16.6
80.4m	Devenish (J A)	222	+5	3.9	1.8	30.7
230.7m	Greenall Whitley	295	-5	7.9	2.9	12.4
126.1m	Greene King	339	-4	8.4	2.7	17.5
2,468.3m	Guinness (aa)	300	+5	11.5	3.8	11.4
25.8m	Handys & Hansons	545		26.7	4.1	14.2
92.4m	Highland Dist	78	-1	3.1	4.1	14.5
31.5m	Irvingondon Dist	1393	-2	66.6	4.5	8.8
123.6m	Irish Dist	198	+2	9.0	4.5	
102.6m	Marston Thompson	118	-1	3.3	2.8	16.9
32.5m	Morland	411	+13	10.0	2.4	20.0
660.8m	SA Breweries	293	+29	9.9b	2.7	18.5
658.1m	Scot & New (aa)	211	-5	10.3	4.9	12.9
220.6m	Vaux	557	+4	17.9	3.2	19.5
1,163.0m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	305	+5	11.5	3.8	14.1
51.7m	Do 'B'	312	+14	11.5	3.7	14.4
175.3m	Whitbread Inv	278	+3	11.0	4.0	35.7
1,847.9m	Wolverhmptn & D	236	+1	7.8	3.4	16.1
6,863.000	Young 'A'	305	+5	11.4	3.7	21.0

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

——	Abbey	228		11.6	5.0	21.3
38.0m	Aberdeen Constr	230		13.0	5.6	10.9
291.0m	Amec	312		14.0	4.5	19.9
32.7m	Anglo Utd	102		2.2	5.5	
5,100.000	Arndale	162	+3	9.1e	5.6	11.5
170.3m	Ashwoods	267		2.1	2.7	20.4
1,185.8m	BPB Ind (aa)	310		14.3	4.6	11.0
28.0m	Baggeridge Brick	780	+55	12.5	1.6	18.9
324.0m	Barratt Devs	182		11.6	6.4	19.0
2,195.000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	42	+1	10.7	2.5	14.4
44.2m	Bellway	1⅛		6.8	1.6	10.2
77.1m	Berkeley Gp	245	+17	3.2	1.3	27.3
11.7m	Bett Bros	78		4.6	5.9	21.5
21.4m	Blackleye	212½		39.6	3.1	17.5
915.1m	Blue Circle (aa)	317	+1	20.0	6.3	11.9
16.2m	Breedon&Cloud Hld	387		14.6	3.5	25.3
17.2m	Br Dredging	100		4.3	4.3	18.3
4,456.000	Brown & Jackson	15				36.6
18.9m	Brownlee	71		3.4	4.8	20.0
167.9m	Byrant	167		6.1	3.7	11.5
21.8m	Burnett & Hallam	11				1.2
4,358.000	Calvebread Robey	83		4.7	5.7	13.7
483.4m	Comm-Readstone	178	+11	3.6	2.2	
13.0m	Consider Grp	158		3.6	2.3	22.8
482.8m	Costain	590		25.0	4.2	10.9
48.1m	Countryside	235	-2	9.1	1.7	15.2
26.5m	Crouch (Derek)	215	-1	4.2	1.9	30.1
21.5m	Douglas (RM)	142		3.9b	2.7	29.5
24.7m	Eriot	228		5.0	3.9	23.6
2,823.000	Fob	163		2.5n	1.5	26.9
5,770.000	Do 'A'	161		2.5n	1.6	18.7
13.0m	Forbes Forshd Hsg	148		3.6	2.4	15.5
9,210.000	Foran Gp	95		9.4	5.7	27.8
31.7m	Galliford	114		6.9	6.1	17.7
2,436.000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	140		2.5	1.8	38.0
41.7m	Gibbons (RA)	217	-1	9.4	4.3	11.5
16.6m	Hafrost Bar	488				
48.4m	Henderson	220		10.0	4.5	14.6
79.4m	Hewden-Stuart	81		2.5	3.1	14.3
89.1m	Heywood Williams	230		10.7	4.7	15.5
34.0m	Higgs & Hill	585		28.1	3.4	16.0
8,705.000	Howard Shut	78		2.7	3.5	31.2
185.7m	Ibstock Johnsen	228	-6	7.1	3.1	17.1
5,515.000	Jarvis (J) & Sons	454		10.7	2.4	12.3
133.6m	Laing (J)	450		10.7	2.4	12.7
126.8m	Do 'A'	450		10.7	2.4	12.7
52.9m	Lawrence (Walter)	115		5.7	5.0	9.4
38.4m	Lilley (FJG)	48	-1	2.5e	11.5	15.2
122.1m	Lovell (A)	438		11.4	2.6	15.1
517.2m	Magnet & South	284	+10	7.7	2.7	33.8
49.0m	Manders	333		12.6	3.8	20.2
351.2m	Marley	335	-3	9.9b	4.3	28.7
97.0m	Marshalls (Halifax)	290		7.9	3.6	18.4
164.1m	McAlpine (Alfred)	464	-16	18.1	3.9	15.0
178.4m	McCarthy & S	357		4.8	1.3	15.7
324.5m	Mayer Int	330		9.5	2.9	17.8
2,780.000	Miller (Stanley)	46		1.4	3.0	
16.2m	Monk (A)	150		9.3	6.2	20.2
348.1m	Mowlem (John)	412		20.7	5.0	19.4
84.4m	Newarthill	356		15.7	4.4	17.1
40.9m	Nottingham Brick	378		11.4	3.0	21.5
45.7m	Persimmon	291		9.0	3.1	11.8
11.3m	Phoenix Timber	118		4.1		
3,952.000	Pochins	369		20.0	5.2	10.7
682.2m	RMC	767		29.6	3.7	17.0
1,556.4m	Redland (aa)	462		17.1	3.5	15.6
51.2m	Ruberoid	283		12.6	4.4	12.8
291.3m	Ryarsy Cement	204		9.4	4.6	22.5
90.2m	Sandell Perkins	211		3.7	1.8	
32.1m	Sharpe & Fisher	162		9.5	5.9	24.8
9,780.000	Smart (J)	97		3.5	3.6	14.1
1,801.000	Tarmac (aa)	513	+17	15.8	3.1	21.5
523.3m	Taylor Woodrow	361		12.7	3.5	18.0
42.7m	Tilbury Group	217		8.4	3.9	19.5
93.9m	Travis & Arnold	284		9.3	3.3	21.0
6,875.000	Tarmac	109		10.0	4.5	39.1
9,689.000	Turriff	220	-1	10.4	4.5	35.6
25.9m	Viroplant	430	-25	15.8	3.7	14.9
49.9m	Ward Hldgs	340		10.4	2.7	21.5
	Ward Group	123	-13			
2,796.000	Warrington (T)	93		1.4	1.5	10.6
47.5m	Watts Blake	236	-15	6.8	2.9	19.8
2,604.000	Western Bros	155		1.8	1.2	18.5
29.0m	Wiggins	106		1.8	1.7	10.6
242.2m	Wilson (Connolly)	276		3.2	1.2	21.5
650.7m	Wimpey (George)	231		5.6	2.4	22.3

CHEMICALS; PLASTICS

1,655.2m	AKZO N/V Bearer	242		40p	9.5	
335.8m	Allied Colloids	266	-6	4.8	1.5	27.9
264.6m	Amersham	528	+4	10.5	2.0	27.4
11.9m	Anchor Chemical	295	+18	6.1	2.1	17.4
84.0m	BTP	160	-7	7.9b	4.9	19.3
5,811.6m	Bayer DM50	210½		70p	6.7	
42.1m	Blagden	144	+4	10.0	7.2	21.7
83.7m	Brent Chems	189		6.6b	4.1	16.0
48.6m	Br Benzol	74		1.4	1.9	18.5
27.0m	Canning (W)	159		5.1	3.2	26.7
391.4m	Coalite	398		11.7	2.9	13.1
35.7m	Coates Bros	215	+3	7.0	3.3	13.5
42.5m	Do 'A'	182	+3	7.0	3.8	11.5
4,591.000	Cory (Horace)	25½		1.0	3.9	8.6
227.8m	Croda	197		10.0	5.1	20.4
18.3m	Do Old	174			6.8	20.4
62.0m	Ellis & Everard	267	+6	8.6	3.2	16.6
40.0m	Evode	134		5.5	4.1	11.0
228.8m	Foseco-Minsep	278	+18	12.9	4.6	11.3
25.9m	Halstead (James)	181	+6	7.1	3.9	10.3
99.7m	Hickson	155	-2	21.9	4.3	10.0
4,548.4m	Hoechst DM50	230	+1			
53.0m	Holt Lloyd	117	+1	6.2	5.3	19.9
8,808.2m	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	1134	+6	44.8	3.9	10.9
637.9m	Laporte	490	+2	12.9	2.7	19.3
18.9m	Leigh	138	-2	5.5	4.3	18.7
1,187.4m	Norsk Hydro	213½		0.3		
54.6m	Plysu	179	-6	3.7	2.5	22.8
9,975.000	Reabrook Hldgs	183		12.9	7.1	11.8
228.5m	Rentokil	171	+1	3.7	2.2	21.4
327.2m	SNIA BPD	239	-6			74.4
8,348.000	Sutcliffe Speakman	64	-1	3.3	11.4	9.9
18.2m	Wolstenholme Rens.	293	+3	15	4.3	21.1
27.8m	Yorkshire Chem	203	+15			

CINEMAS AND TV

53.2m	Anglia TV 'A'	378	-11	16.1	4.3	10.6
119.4m	Central TV	466				
8,035.000	Grampian	82		2.9	4.7	8.9
50.9m	HTV N/V	92½		3.4	12.1	4.9
99.5m	LWT Hldgs	423		25.9	4.4	15.9
44.9m	Scot TV	421	+10	15.9	3.8	13.8
105.5m	TVS N/V	368		14.5	4.0	9.4
12.0m	TSW	36		2.9	5.2	11.1
178.0m	Thames TV	371		15.0	4.0	
91.0m	TV-AM	279		6.4	2.3	
11.0m	Ulster TV	113		6.9	7.9	11.8
70.1m	Yorkshire TV	213	-10	6.9	4.2	11.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

47.5m	Alexon	243	+1	5.7	2.3	15.8
4,089.000	Amber Day	26½	+1½		2.7	30.5
387.3m	Aquascutum 'A'	98		2.5	2.5	22.5
44.5m	Bambi (James) 'A'	195	+2	2.5	1.3	13.9
63.6m	Bentalls	153		6.9	4.5	21.5
15.1m	Blacks Leis	74				
1.4m	Bonn Shop	960		63	6.6	46.6
6,740.000	Brown	2		1.4	1.5	58.7
——	Brown (N)	236				
1,441.5m	Burton (aa)	136	-1	8.1	3.1	15.9
9,638.000	Carpets Int	70		3.1	4.4	10.5
12.8m	Casket (S)	139	+16	3.1	2.6	41.5
45.4m	Church	155		12.1	2.8	17.5
1,537.2m	Coats Viyella (aa)	356	-2	17.9	3.1	15.9
181.9m	Combined English	155		10.4	4.5	20.5
26.8m	Courts (Furn) 'A'	155	-2	8.7	4.3	11.5
27.4m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	515		10.0	1.9	14.8
65.4m	Dawsons (U)	89		1.8	1.5	19.8
1,248.7m	Dixons Grp (aa)	340	+8	5.2	1.5	24.2
348.2m	Dunlop	391	-3	8.6	1.5	19.9
28.5m	Elks & Gotaston	98	+3	3.6	3.7	22.1
6,840.000	Elys (Wimbledon)	570	-10	13.6	2.4	22.1
75.7m	Empire Stores	196	-16	6.5	3.3	19.1
116.7m	Ewen	224	+2	5.3	2.4	16.9
2,684.000	Executive Clothes	128		2.5	1.9	32.2
167.5m	Fine Art Dev	226	+1	6.1	2.7	26.4
9,635.000	Ford (Martin)	68				
7,314.000	Formanstar	215		9.5	4.4	8.1
394.6m	Freeman	442	+10	10.5	2.5	19.3
31.0m	Gent SR	98	+10	1.4	1.5	57.8
24.7m	Goldberg (A)	145		3.9	4.1	16.0
48.0m	Goldsmiths Gp	268	-2	11.4	4.3	12.9
86.4m	GUS	215½		31.4p	1.9	22.7
2,380.8m	Do 'A' (aa)	215½		31.4	2.6	17.1
174.8m	Harris Queensway	209	+4	7.6	3.6	18.1
9,981.000	Hearne Of London	2		2.7p	9.4	
14.1m	Hollas	81	-2	6.5	8.0	15.7
10.4m	House Of Lerose	183		12.5	6.8	13.3
31.5m	Jones (Ernest)	83		5.5	6.6	13.2
5,398.000	Ladies Pride	2½		1.1	17.4	7.9
190.4m	LCP	267	+1	6.4p	2.9	21.3
56.6m	Lee Cooper	168	+101	6.5	3.7	16.0
29.5m	Liberty	308	+15	17.1	1.7	22.5
14.0m	Lincroft Kingsw	208	+15	16.0	3.4	20.5
5,510.000	Marks & Spencer (aa)	230	+14	9.8	2.8	24.5
196.0m	Menzies (John)	268	+4	9.9	3.7	18.4
17.5m	Moss Bros	158		11.5	7.3	15.2
733.0m	Next	288		7.1	2.5	25.1
9,180.000	Ofer (G)	97		13.1	13.5	10.7
57.6m	Pentos	91		1.1	1.2	23.8
11.3m	Priestly (Alfred)	93		3.5	4.4	58.7
238.5m	Raine's (Jewellers)	140		4.3p	3.1	14.5
9,457.000	Reed (Austin)	386		7.9	2.2	31.4
48.2m	Do 'A'	184	+14	8.5	4.4	15.9
4,312.000	S & U Stores	49	-1			12.7
1,933.0m	Sears (aa)	129½		5.0	3.9	9.7
501.0m	Smith (WH) 'A'	315½	-2	9.7	2.9	16.3
67.7m	Do 'B'	315½	-2	9.7	2.9	16.3
27.2m	Stanley (AG)	124		5.5	4.4	12.7
49.4m	Stead & Simpson 'A'	98		5.3	5.3	16.5
1,210.7m	Storehouse (aa)	298	-6	11.9	3.7	15.9
10.5m	Stormguard	48				30.9
925.000	Sumrie Clothes	43				
156.6m	Superdrug Stores	445	-5	7.6	1.7	24.5
45.1m	Tibbett & Britten	198		9.2	4.6	19.2
56.6m	Time Products	198		9.2	4.6	19.2
16.9m	Tip Top Drug	148				9.4
47.3m	Underwoods	174		4.3	2.5	22.4
586.3m	Ward White	316		10.7	3.4	16.8

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STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)
FT 30 Share
1521.0 (+12.1)
FT-SE 100
1898.1 (–0.3)
Bargains
41120 (55063)
USM (Datastream)
145.18 (+2.29)

THE POUND
(Change on week)
US dollar
1.5215 (+0.0125)
W German mark
2.7821 (–0.0171)
Trade-weighted
68.8 (same)

'Jobless to fall below 3m'

Special employment measures should bring the jobless total below three million this year, according to Lloyds Bank.

However, the economy will not grow rapidly enough over the next five years to cause a further significant decline.

The bank's *Economic Outlook*, published today, predicts that Britain will have one of the fastest growth rates among the leading industrialized nations this year – at 3 per cent – but this will fall to below 2 per cent by 1989 as higher inflation bites.

The latest jobless totals show that seasonally-adjusted adult unemployment, the best guide to the trend, has dropped by about 100,000 since last summer.

However, as the Bank of England has acknowledged, much of this progress has been due to measures such as Restart.

According to Lloyds: "Unemployment is likely to fall below the politically significant three million level in 1987 as a result of the extension of special measures."

It adds: "But growth of only 2.3 per cent on average over the next five years will be insufficient to produce a further significant decline."

Employee share plans gain favour

Employee share ownership is finding increasing favour in industry but too much should not be expected of the schemes as they stand at present, a survey published at the weekend by the independent Policy Studies Institute says.

Managers and workers see the schemes – now thought to number about 1,500 – as a useful extra link between staff and companies, giving them a greater sense of identification.

However, the rewards, though worthwhile, are modest, and staff do not feel that they are being given any more say than before in company decisions, the survey adds.

Fears that "trade-offs" might develop between shares and basic pay appear to be unfounded.

Share Ownership Plans: Employees' Views (Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR)

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RESULTS

● **TODAY** – **Interims:** Dalgety, Elders IXL, Framlington Far East Fund, Goodhead Print Group, Ryman Group, Sigmex International, TR City of London Trust. **Finals:** Citygrove, Ericsson, Scottish Eastern Investment Trust.

● **TOMORROW** – **Interims:** AC Holdings, Herrburger Brooks, Impala Platinum, Intereurope Technology Services, Media Technology International. **Finals:** Alexanders Holdings, Associated Energy Services, Crest Nicholson, Egerton Trust, Temple Bar Investment Trust, Vantage Securities, Yeoman Investment Trust.

● **WEDNESDAY** – **Interims:** Authority Investments, CH Bailey (amended), Irish Glass, Peachey Property Corporation, Throgmorton Dual Trust. **Finals:** Arncliffe Holdings, Bank Leumi (UK), Debron Investments, Pacific Assets Trust, Trust of Property Shares, Wettern Brothers.

● **THURSDAY** – **Interims:** Abaco Investments, Abingworth, Edenderry Shoes, Genbel Investments, Photo-Me International, Polypipe. **Finals:** ASEA Group, British Petroleum, F&C Enterprise Trust (results expected on Friday), Questel, River and Mercantile Trust, Romney Trust, Tribune Investment Trust, Ward Holdings.

● **FRIDAY** – **Interims:** Alumasc Group, Courtney, Pope (Holdings), Fleming Enterprise Investment Trust, Framlington Group. **Finals:** None announced.

Disposal marks strategy switch

Argyll set to sell US arm

By John Bell, City Editor

Argyll Group, the drinks and supermarkets group headed by Mr James Gulliver, is expected to announce the sale of its American operations later this week.

Argyll hinted at the disposal last month when it bought the 291-strong British chain of Safeway supermarkets in a deal worth £665 million.

The move marks a radical change of strategy since the failure last April to acquire Distillers, the Scotch whisky manufacturer, in the £2.7 billion takeover battle won by Guinness.

The group's US subsidiary, Barton Brands, markets and distributes imported wines, beers and spirits. It is also the fifth largest producer of bourbon in the United States.

Argyll said at the time of the Safeway deal that it was reviewing the future of its drinks division, consisting of Barton in the US and George Morton and North West Vintners in Britain.

Morton is a wholesale distributor of drinks whose brands include OVD rum, and North West Vintners operates 320 retail off-licences under the Liquorsave banner.

The review came about through the loss of Distillers to Guinness. Argyll's board concluded that it would be difficult to build an international drinks business at a reasonable cost. Barton has a broad distribution network in the United States but lacks the top selling brands neccessary to utilize it fully.

Argyll is thought to be at an advanced stage of negotiations to sell Barton to a US-based group. The deal may be finalized in time for announcement at Thursday's shareholders' meeting called to approve the purchase of Safeway.

Argyll is also believed to be close to a sale of George Morton. Analysts estimate that the two disposals could generate proceeds of between £50 million and £70 million, enough to make a substantial impact on group borrowings.

The disposal plans indicate that Argyll's senior management team, under the newly-appointed chief executive, Mr Alistair Grant, intends to concentrate its efforts on the integration of Safeway.

The acquisition pushes Argyll into fourth place in terms of United Kingdom market share behind Sainsbury, Dee Corporation and Tesco, but ahead of Asda.

The Safeway purchase, in the face of competing interest from Tesco and Woolworth, will enable Argyll to upgrade its store portfolio.

There will be considerable benefit from increased purchasing power, more efficient distribution and improved margins as Argyll's larger Presto stores are brought into line with the Safeway trading formula.

Tennant touches down for Guinness decision

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Anthony Tennant, the man tipped to succeed the deposed Mr Ernest Saunders as chief executive of Guinness, flew back from his American holiday over the weekend. Mr Tennant is widely expected to accept the position shortly.

However, he is believed to be discussing the Guinness offer this week with Sir Stanley Grinstead, chairman of Grand Metropolitan.

The two men are expected to settle outstanding issues, such as the timing of Mr Tennant's departure from Grand Met – and the precise terms.

Mr Tennant, who is deputy group chief executive of Grand Met, is well known for his marketing skills. However, he lost out recently to Mr Allen Sheppard in a succession race for the position of chief executive of Grand Met.



John Rogers

Private party: Sir Peter Thompson and shareholder liaison officer Valerie Corrigan cut NFC's fifth anniversary cake

NFC celebrates with no-float vote

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Shareholders in the National Freight Consortium celebrated five years in the private sector at the weekend by voting overwhelmingly against floating the company on the stock market this year. They also learned that an original £1 investment is now worth £4l.

More than 2,000 of the 19,000 employee-shareholders turned up for NFC's annual meeting and took the opportunity to raise issues ranging from inadequate lorry washing machines in Middleton to the lack of female representation on the board of directors.

But on the most important vote, whether to support the board's recommendation not to go for a public listing, there was one lone voice of dissension from the floor.

Mr Jack Butler, an NFC pensioner, said the shares would be worth more if the group went to the market. "Some of us are getting older rather than younger. Why put it off again? What are we afraid of?" he asked.

When NFC was privatized in 1982 in an employee-led buyout, the company promised that after five years the shareholders would vote annually on the question of flotation.

Sir Peter Thompson, chairman, said a stock market listing was "almost inevitable in the fullness of time" but that there was no imperative to rush to the market. The board was unanimous in urging shareholders to vote against flotation.

"We believe that there is a need for a long and protracted discussion and an educative period so that all of you fully understand the issue," Sir Peter told shareholders at the Wembley Conference Centre in London. A series of meetings on the implications of going public are planned for employee-shareholders this year.

Compared with the lengthy discussion accompanying the previous resolution about a share split, the issue was dealt with speedily. Sir Peter said afterwards: "I detected that they accepted what we were saying. I think the real debate about the principle will be next year."

At the moment, the shares are traded on an internal market. A select number of institutional investors were brought in last year to ensure a ready market.

Employees who invested the minimum £200 in NFC five years ago now have holdings worth £8,200 and the group estimates that about 6,000 shareholders have stakes worth more than £15,000.

Shareholders were coy about giving details of their personal fortunes but it was not difficult to find a number attending the meeting whose original investments are now worth more than £100,000. Eight of the directors have stakes worth more than £500,000.

A new profit-sharing scheme will mean that almost all the 26,000 employees could soon be shareholders. About £2.5 million will be distributed this year in cash or shares with awards according to length of service and salary. A clerk with five years' service will receive about £100 while a senior manager with 15 years with NFC will get about £300.

For the first time, NFC also announced "best view" forecasts for this year which anticipated a rise in pretax profits from £37 million to £47.8 million on turnover ahead from £747.6 million to £913.3 million.

Channon to rule on US vetting demand

By Colin Narbrough

The Government is expected to announce this week whether it will allow United States' authorities the right to scrutinize the books of British companies importing American high technology.

Whitehall is caught between its firm commitment to preventing other countries exercising extra-territorial rights in Britain and pressure from high technology companies whose business depends on imports from the United States of goods that Washington wants to keep out of Soviet hands.

The Prime Minister was Europe's most outspoken opponent of US attempts in the early 1980s to enforce export control regulations on European firms in its unsuccessful bid to halt a gas pipeline project linking Siberia to Western Europe.

The problem now facing Mrs Thatcher arises from new US regulations aimed at easing the burden on high technology exporters and their overseas clients. These provide for a system of "approved consignees" which enjoy the US Department of Commerce's blessing. US companies would not need to seek individual export licences to ship "sensitive" goods to these companies.

The problem is that the US authorities will require access to company records of what goes in and what goes out of those companies.

Britain has consistently rejected previous moves by Washington in this direction, arguing that other government's have no jurisdiction over British companies.

About 1,200 companies in Britain have meanwhile obtained consignee status and appear willing to continue business with the US in sensitive technologies, irrespective of any moral or legal reservations they might have about the US insistence on access to their books.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry is expected to make an announcement on the matter this week. It is unclear whether a Cabinet decision will be required, but opposition MPs have already pledged to raise the issue in the Commons this week.



Channon: an announcement is expected this week

Mr Kenneth Warren, Conservative chairman of the Commons select committee on trade and industry, yesterday urged the Government to stand up for British interests on the issue. "What about a bit or reciprocity?" he said.

Directors support audit changes

By Our Business Correspondent

A majority of company directors support the introduction of audit committees and increased levels of board membership by non-executive directors, according to a survey carried out for Ernst & Whinney, the accountancy firm.

But although there is a strong belief that non-executive directors give the City greater confidence in a company, they are not seen as being especially effective in preventing misdemeanours and their responsibilities should be more clearly defined.

Mr Elwyn Eilledge, senior partner of Ernst & Whinney, said: "Their role can only be enhanced by the formation of audit committees which will enable them to gain better understanding of the business

"We strongly believe that non-executive directors have an important regulatory function to perform and can help to prevent scandals of the nature recently seen in the City."

More than 70 per cent of the directors interviewed supported the concept of audit committees composed entirely of non-executive directors.

Two thirds of those questioned had heard that the Bank of England is pressing for a voluntary code of practice to encourage companies to appoint more non-executive directors

UK savings at £409.9m

January's total net contribution to government funding from National Savings is estimated at £409.9 million, with the main items being income bonds (£182.2 million), fixed-interest savings certificates (£110.4 million), and investment accounts (£86.9 million).

But there were deficits of £7.2 million on index-linked savings certificates

BR advertising offshoot sale runs into row

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Bids for British Transport Advertising (BTA), the fifth largest poster advertising business in Britain, will start to be sifted today by British Rail, amid a row over the privatization of this BR subsidiary.

A management buyout is being tipped as the likeliest bidder to acquire BTA, which in 1985-86 had a turnover of £14.5 million from poster sites on railway property, including the main stations and advertising on the sides of buses and at bus stops. BTA was jointly owned by BR and the National Bus Company until, on National Bus's privatization, it became an operating division of BR.

The row has broken out over BR's shortlisting of bidders and the exclusion of some of the bigger poster companies. They were excluded, said BR, for "reasons of commercial prudence and confidentiality."

Which companies are on the shortlist remains a mystery because BR is not divulging this.

The other big four in poster advertising are Mills & Allen, the largest, Arthur Maiden, an old-established family business, Primesight – which was created two years ago by a merger of WHS and Kemp – and More O'Ferrall.

There has been some speculation that at least More O'Ferrall may have been on the final shortlist. Some smaller poster operators may also be on it.

But Primesight has put out a statement saying that it and its merchant banker, Hill Samuel, were led to believe for some time that Primesight would be on the shortlist. Then, on January 22, they were told they had not been.

With only three weeks before bids had to be put in, Primesight at first made representations to be placed on the list. It then withdrew because it felt there would have been insufficient time to evaluate fully the complex bus and rail advertising opportunities.

Any management buyout from a nationalized industry should be openly tested against private-sector bids, said Primesight, which added that it did not believe this was being seen to be done in the case of BTA.

Mr Martin Barber, Primesight's chief executive, said at the weekend that he is now pressing for government intervention to have BR withdraw the present shortlist invitations to bid, and to appoint an external party to handle the sale.

A BR spokesman said no complaints had been received about the procedures which had been adopted. There had been no letter of complaint from Primesight, he added. But BR feels that to halt the sale now would be unfair to those involved.

Soviet drinks drive lifts sugar price

By Our City Staff

The Kremlin's drive to wean the Soviet people off vodka on to non-alcoholic beverages has boosted Russian demand for sugar and helped to push up the price of the commodity on the world market, according to trade analysts.

Moscow's sophisticated sugar buyers took advantage of last month's lows of less than 6 US cents a pound, discreetly taking up nearly 1 million tonnes in key markets. Dealers believe that the Sucden company of France was the main seller. The effect of this buying spree was a rally that has took the price to about 9 cents.

The Soviet return to the market is attributed to lower-than-expected sugar production by its chief supplier, Cuba, and a massive increase in the Russian demand for soft drinks. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's exhortations to drink less alcohol would seem to be having the desired effect.

Official Soviet figures show a 27 per cent rise in soft drink consumption last year and a 6 per cent rise in confectionery sales. Official liquor sales dropped by a dramatic 37 per cent during the same period. Nobody is prepared to guess what illicit stills are producing. Total sugar use last year was estimated to have risen 10 per cent.

GNI, the commodity analyst, notes in its latest market outlook that the sugar trade rushed to cover its requirements after being caught short by the latest developments in the Soviet Union, and by expectations of a severe shortfall in Brazilian sugar exports this year.

Weather conditions in other sugar-growing countries – Australia, Thailand and Fiji – have been poor as well which also points to lower production.

Demand grows for aluminium

Aluminium prices on the London Metal Exchange have climbed about £80 to about £850 a tonne in the past month on speculation that demand from the US could soon overtake supplies.

Big North American aluminium producers might even come shopping this side of the Atlantic to fill all their orders.

Tenth round 'test' for oil industry

By Our Business Correspondent

The tenth round of North Sea offshore oil and gas licences closes at noon tomorrow in what will be seen as a health test for an industry adjusting to lower oil prices.

When the round was launched last July, the Government's target was to award between 50 and 60 of the 127 blocks on offer. Indications from the industry now suggest that the majority of applications will concentrate on a smaller number of choice blocks.

Most popular are likely to be acreage near the southern gas basin and the Moray Firth, both proven areas. In contrast, little interest is expected in the dozen blocks in the deep-water frontier areas.

The Department of Energy remains cautiously optimistic about the round and is likely to encourage companies by accepting less onerous drilling commitments for the blocks.

Areas licensed in the tenth round will not be ready for development until the late 1990s when the oil price is expected to be higher.

Mr David Black, North Sea analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbrokers, said: "Overall, I think there will be a fair bit of interest in the round. Companies will be taking a very short-term view if they let the oil price put them off and I do not think they will be put off by short-term fluctuations."

Compared with the ninth round, when 130 companies applied for acreage, fewer applications are expected from the small independent companies.

Dr David Biggins, managing director of Sovereign Oil & Gas, said: "I think we will be in there, but there are not too many of us left."

● The price differentials committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, headed by the oil minister for the United Arab Emirates, will meet in Vienna on March 9 to review prices set by it in December and to examine application of the prices. Its recommendations will go to the full Opec ministerial meeting on June 25.

● Egypt announced yesterday it is cutting the export price of its crude oil benchmark blends by 35 cents to $17.25 a barrel

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CBI wants more trade with Russia

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The leaders of some of Britain's biggest companies will be in a 25-strong team organized by the Confederation of British Industry to explore the possibility of boosting Anglo-Soviet trade.

They will be led by Mr David Nickson, CBI president and chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, and at the end of this month will question a Russian delegation on how far new opportunities will be opened up by January's Soviet changes in foreign trading methods.

There are 20 Soviet industrial ministries and 70 state enterprises which can now make their own decisions on imports and use up to 40 per cent of their export earnings for buying new equipment.

A fresh legal framework for joint ventures has also been promised.

The CBI believes there are big opportunies for British companies in some fields – particularly in advanced technology, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, energy conservation and factory refurbishment.

Other target areas for the British team are the big Soviet markets for industrial machinery, power generation equipment, chemicals, iron and steel, scientific and control equipment, and textiles.

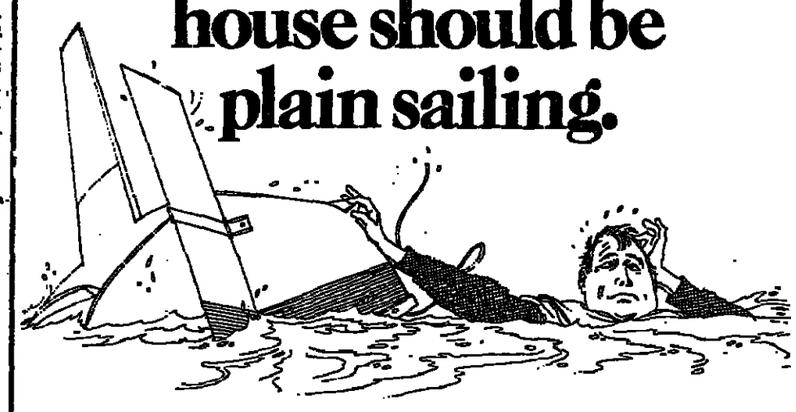
Mr Hugo Herbert-Jones, CBI director of international affairs, said: "In the past, many British companies have been disappointed at the problems in clinching deals, even though good credit is available. So now we are looking out for tangible signs of real change."

The British team for the conference, being held in this country from February 27 to March 1, includes senior executives from companies like Rolls-Royce, Wellcome Foundation, General Electric Company, BP and Metal Box.

In 1985, Britain sent £537 million in exports to the Soviet Union and imported goods worth more than £724 million.

Despite an overall cutback in Soviet imports in 1986 because of a decline in oil revenues, British exports still showed a small increase last year to an estimated £554 million. Soviet exports to Britain shaded down to £706 million.

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GILT-EDGED

Look for action in the index-linked sector

The gilts market has slipped into one of its quiet phases, with everyone apparently agreed that conventional yields are unlikely to drop much below 10 per cent in the near term. Although such a consensus usually proves wrong, on this occasion the forces driving the market do seem to be evenly balanced.

The long end has already discounted one base rate cut from here, but the Government is much too wily to make the cardinal political error of cutting short-term rates too soon. The "January sterling crisis" pessimists have been forced by the rock solid performance of the effective rate so far this year to eat a little humble pie, but they are a robust brigade who will make the most of any political collywobbles which may yet hit the exchange markets.

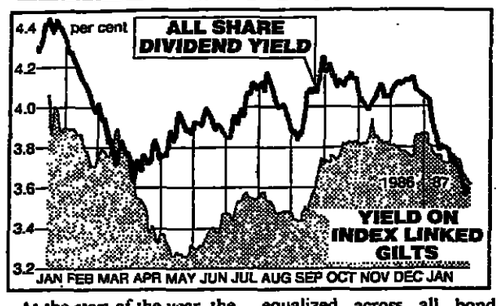
Faced with this knowledge, the authorities probably feel they have only one shot at cutting rates before mid-year and they will not give the green light until the markets are clamouring for a change. This will probably happen in late March: until then, it is hard to see much performance from conventional gilts.

Essentially, the market is again offering a two-way risk after being absurdly over-sold late last year. It might trade higher on the publication of good data and lose a little ground on bad data but a significant move is not in the offing.

So where should we look for a little action? Unusually, this may come from the index-linked sector. True, many investors are biased against this sector, arguing that it has sometimes failed (because of rising real yields) even to protect the real value of an investment over the past five years.

But there are three reasons for reconsidering long standing bias in this area. Let us start with the most obvious and the most short-term — political influences.

It is possible to have a little fun by plotting the behaviour of the index-linked sector against opinion poll results since early 1986. The fit is surprisingly close, with the sector dropping sharply as the Conservatives moved ahead in the polls last autumn and now that election season has been declared open, this fit may become much closer.



At the start of the year, the opinion polls were showing a 3 per cent Tory lead, on average, and it came to be assumed that the political momentum would sweep Mrs Thatcher to a third term in June. But the average of the last few polls has shown the main two parties neck-and-neck, with the Alliance vote suggesting the glimmers of a recovery. No one really expects the Government to lose, but people are thinking in terms of a later, and closer, election than they had previous predicted.

This has already triggered sizeable purchases of index-linked. More could follow. This brings us to the second reason for favouring the sector — its relative valuation compared with equities.

Many funds have made spectacular gains in British equities this year and are wondering how they can lock in part of these gains over the election period. One obvious solution would be to make a partial shift into index-linked.

This is encouraged by the fact that the dividend yield on the equity all-share index is actually below that on indexed gilts — an extremely rare (and almost certainly temporary) event.

Without doubt, indexed gilts are again historically cheap and any further rally in equities is likely to drag them upwards. But the converse is not necessarily the case. If equities decline as political doubts increase, the indexed sector would be just the place to be.

The third reason for rethinking a traditionally pessimistic attitude towards this sector concerns the worldwide behaviour of real yields. In theory, the free movement of international capital should ensure that risk-adjusted real returns are equalized across all bond markets.

Just lately, however, the trend in real rates on a worldwide basis seems to have stopped rising and we have seen declines in several big economies. One factor has been the turnround in the US budget deficit and the continued tightness of fiscal policy elsewhere.

Another has been the generally slack nature of monetary policy. So far, this has barely impacted on real yields in the British indexed market but in thelong term there is bound to be a beneficial effect.

So far, I have not mentioned inflation. This is because the importance of British inflation prospects comes in judging whether indexed gilts are cheap or dear relative to conventionals and at present this comparison is offering no clear signal.

Indexed gilts look attractive for other reasons. But for those investors who are happy holding indexed bonds only when inflation prospects are worsening, here are words of comfort: they are.

Over the last six months, import prices have risen at an annualized rate of 12 per cent and last week's average earnings figures, while probably affected by productivity bonuses, were scarcely encouraging.

Even in manufacturing, underlying unit labour costs are rising by 3 per cent, while in the whole economy they are rising by 4-4½ per cent. The notion that they have stopped rising on a sustainable basis will shortly go into the dustbin of history — where it most assuredly belongs — and the last obstacle to an index-linked rally may disappear.

Gavyn Davies

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USM REVIEW

Small proves beautiful

The Unlisted Securities Market was given another boost last week when an innovative smaller companies index, commissioned by Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, proved that small quoted companies make better investments than large ones.

The index was devised by Professor Paul Marsh and Dr Elroy Dimson of the London Business School, whose earlier research underpinned the creation of the FT-SE 100 index.

It contains 1,206 fully listed companies valued at £108 million or less — representing 77 per cent of all fully listed companies by number but only 10 per cent in market capitalization.

The Hoare Govett Smaller Companies Index can be extended to include all sterling-denominated USM stocks.

At its launch on Thursday, Mr Geoffrey Douglas, who heads the Hoare Govett USM team, said the new index would have outperformed the FT All-Share index by 6 per cent a year compound since 1955.

Meanwhile, the trickle of new companies applying for a listing on the USM looks like turning into a torrent.

Look out later this month for JSB Electrical, which makes and installs emergency lighting units and general lighting and fire detection systems. Henry Cooke, Lumsden, the broker, has arranged for a placing of 1.5 million shares, or 28 per cent of the issued capital, at about the 100p level. It should capitalize the entire company at £6.5 million.



The JSB success team (from left): Mr Nigel Singer, finance director, Miss Ann Clough, production director, Mr David Smith, chairman, and Mr Richard Avery, sales director

JSB was founded by Mr David Smith, chairman and managing director, along with his late father Mr E J Smith in Stockport, near Manchester, in 1962. In those early days the group made and installed low-voltage lighting systems on buses.

The business soon took off and a few years later moved to larger premises at its present site in Holmes Chapel. It was from here that the group produced a system to light the cabins on board the QE2.

Since 1982, pretax profits have grown from £120,000 to £512,000 for the year to September 30 last, with the bulk of the contribution coming from the emergency lighting side. There is no profit forecast for the current year but the directors intend to pay dividends of 2.4p. The bulk of the proceeds raised will go towards financing future expansion.

Capel-Cure Myers, the broker, is arranging a placing in shares of Sanders & Sidney, which boasts the distinction of being the first quoted outplacement consultancy. Outplacing is relatively new to this country and entails the consulant offering expert advice to executives who have been made redundant and helping them to find new jobs.

It could be described as an executive employment agency except that the fees come from the client's previous employer.

Sanders & Sidney has certainly been successful at outplacement. Its client list includes more than 45 of Britain's leading 500 companies in the banking, finance and public sectors.

It was formed in 1973 as a subsidiary of an American company and was bought out by Mr Deryck Sidney and Mr Nigel Sanders in 1977. Pretax profits since 1982 have grown from £48,000 to £213,000 for the year to March 31 last, and in the final nine months of 1986 stood at £430,000.

For the current year, the group is forecasting a figure of £550,000. Capel-Cure is placing 1.7 million shares (36.5 per cent) at 100p, valuing the entire company at £4.6 million where the p/e is 11.65.

Select Appointments, another recruitment services group, is looking to join the USM in the spring.

Also making its début on the USM soon is the European arm of LSI Logic, a US group making semiconductors. LSI is hoping to offer about 10 per cent of the shares in the company, LSI Logic Europe, which made pretax profits of £4 million last year.

Michael Clark

Why Hislop eschews banking

A company which figured spectacularly in the great banking crash of the 1970s is now blazing a takeover trail on the USM.

Cannon Street Investments — with the durable Mr Bill Hislop still at the helm — is buying up solid, private companies which are being primed, ready to be floated off on the USM.

But the lessons of the past have been well learned. Mr Hislop, now in his twentieth year with Cannon Street, says: "I certainly won't be touching anything to do with banking. I won't forget what happened to us in a hurry."

Mr Hislop, who is 55, joined Cannon Street after a career as a management consultant and has a dry sense of humour, evidenced by the presentation he is fond of making to the City institutions who have become fans of his company.

He calls it "dream, nightmare, reality" and it chronicles the rise and fall and rise again of his investment holding company.

He built Cannon Street by nurturing companies and then selling them off, but made the mistake of picking up an in-house bank which was left owing National Westminster Bank £18 million after the great property crash.

"My strategy for Cannon Street is the same as before," he says, "except that this time I won't be buying a secondary bank."

Cannon Street returned to the public arena through a listing on the USM in May 1985, at 43p a share. They are now 197p.

Mr Hislop has created four main divisions — food, construction, engineering and laboratory equipment — through a series of shrewd acquisitions.

He has just raised £16 million to help pay for four more companies costing £12 million — a poultry processor, a telephone equipment maker, a house builder and a plumbing firm — boosting the market capitalization of the group to £70 million.

But he believes some companies are too small to be floated on the USM. "I want to create an independent group of businesses making profits of around £2.5 million, which can then be launched on the market with a much better chance of being successful."

Mr Hislop is planning further takeovers this year. Cannon is estimating that pretax profits for 1986 will be not less than £3 million against the previous year's £939,000.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,385,000	A & M Gp	14	-½	0.6e	4.3	20.0
5,045,000	ATA Simpson	54	+2	2.1	3.9	14.5
10.0m	Abbeycrest	154	+2	3.6	2.3	21.9
6,600,000	Aberdeen Sts Hse	55	-3	1.7e	3.1	15.4
——	Access Satellite			4.6f	..	..
36.5m	Acorn Comp	55	+7	..	..	3.9
972,000	Acres Jewellery	18	..	..	..	9.6
25.8m	Adam Leisure	19	●+4	..	..	2.4
5,987,000	Airspring	115	..	8.1	7.0	..
42.5m	Amer Bus Sys	11½	r +½	..	..	..
——	Do Wrns	8½	r +1	..	..	..
32.1m	Anglo Secure Hms	341	-6	2.3	0.7	40.9
6,510,000	Antler	111	..	..	..	..
7,875,000	Appleyard	150	..	4.3	2.9	15.5
42.6m	App Holographics	353	+12	..	..	..
——	Do Wrns	350	+20	..	..	..
10.0m	Ashtead	154	+3	..	..	..
32.5m	Aspen Comms	345	+2	4.4	1.3	35.9
74.8m	Aspinall	144	-1	8.6	6.0	17.8
99.5m	Aspray	565	+10	14.3	2.5	18.2
1,939,000	Assoc Energy	28	-1	..	..	6.9
12.0m	ASD	168	..	11.4	6.9	7.5
14.6m	Atlas Equipment	181	+18	7.0	3.9	15.5
6,560,000	Automagic	115	+17	8.9	7.7	20.2
6,544,000	BBB Design	80	+2	1.4	1.8	19.2
11.4m	BCE	41	-1½	..	..	..
6,695,000	BPP	218	..	7.1	3.3	17.8
4,014,000	BTS Grp	78	●+1	5.7	7.3	9.2
4,513,000	Bedford (William)	95	+2	5.7	6.0	8.8
27.1m	Bennett & Fountain	78	-½	0.7	0.8	22.7
4,231,000	Bensons Crisps	57	+1	..	..	16.0
6,027,000	Bilston&Bamesley	143	..	..	..	..
2,402,000	Bio Isolates	21	+1	..	..	..
2,004,000	Biomechanics	24	+2	..	..	..
8,400,000	Bisel	42	+2½	1.8	4.3	10.5
6,500,000	Blenchards	130	●+15	6.4	4.9	14.1
9,821,000	Bloomsbury Estate	117	+2	3.0	2.6	26.3
20.2m	Bluebird Toys	340	+2	8.0	1.5	20.3
5,464,000	Border TV	54	-2½	1.7	3.1	6.8
55.1m	Borland	111	+13	..	..	..
3,840,000	Brewmaker	22	..	1.1	5.0	11.8
6,490,000	Bristol	118	-3	3.0	2.5	9.6
5,310,000	Br Bloodstock	98	●+2	12.6	12.1	7.8
10.8m	Br Island	60	+1	4.0	6.7	10.9
12.7m	Broad St	58	+1	1.8	3.0	..
19.4m	Brookmount	410	+20	9.0	2.2	22.4
13.0m	Brown (Charles)	218	+5	4.3	2.0	25.0
5,486,000	Bryant (Derek)	225	+5	11.6b	5.2	8.0
——	Bula Resources	4½	+1	..	..	..
3,214,000	CCA Galleries	78	+7	3.4	4.4	11.8
14.4m	CML Micro	169	+12	2.6	1.5	17.2
6,322,000	CPU Comp	39	-1	..	..	23.4
19.1m	CVD	192	●-3	..	..	..
——	Caledonian Oil	195	+5	..	..	..
3,250,000	Camotech	11	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
46.8m	Cannon Street Inv	196	r +8	5.7b	2.9	15.3
10.9m	Cap & Regional	66	-2	..	..	..
24.5m	Chancery Secs	180	-1	4.7	2.6	20.0
7,000,000	Checkpoint Europe	175	+10	..	..	15.4
19.2m	Chelsea Man	178	+2	2.3	1.3	23.2
469,000	Chem Methods	13½	..	3.0	22.2	..
12.1m	Cheshire W	238	●-5	5.2	2.2	25.3
4,442,000	Cider	28½	+½	..	..	95.0
6,765,000	Citygrown	98	-3	3.6	3.7	14.9
5,906,000	Clarkson	350	+5	..	..	..
2,153,000	Clayreign 7%	£76½	..	..	..	..
6,330,000	Cmcamm	120	●+4	1.8	1.5	16.9
10.4m	Clarke Hooper	146	●-1	3.3	2.3	19.7
5,844,000	Clogau Gold	51	-1	..	..	..
2.5m	Cluff Oil Hdgs	51	-3	..	..	..
29.5m	Cossed Electrodes	121	..	5.5	4.6	14.1
17.3m	Cobra Emerald	65	..	..	..	..
17.2m	Colins	133	●+15	3.9	2.0	19.5
4,000,000	Colorgen Inc	36	+1	..	..	..
6,355,000	Comp Financial	158	-2	3.9	2.1	28.7
2,988,000	Compsoft	38	..	..	..	6.4
29.5m	Consultants	204	+4	1.8	0.9	29.7
3,444,000	Cons Tern Invs	68	+4	7.1e	10.4	45.9
9,914,000	Cons Microwave	195	..	3.2	1.6	29.8
7,200,000	Cowells	98	..	3.7	3.8	13.5
6,339,000	Cranpharm	126	+5	8.8	7.0	14.3
4,720,000	Cranbrook	58	-1	0.7e	1.2	15.6
5,880,000	Cranswick	105	+7	5.4	5.1	9.1
5,092,000	Craven Lodge	90	..	2.7	3.0	32.8
6,161,000	Creighton Labs	68	●-1	2.5	3.7	15.0
6,559,000	Crown TV Prods	68	●-9	5.0	7.3	15.0
6,832,000	Crusts	138	..	1.6	1.1	15.3
4,310,000	DBE Tech	45	..	..	..	42.6
5,239,000	DJ Sec Alarms	121	+4	2.1	1.7	15.5
7,200,000	Datron	48	●-1	1.4	2.9	8.4
10.1m	Davies (DW)	200	+4	4.9	2.5	22.3
4,945,000	Dean & Bowes	74	-2	2.9	3.7	19.0
1,960,000	De Beer (Andrew)	24½	..	0.5	2.0	15.5
16.8m	Debitor	203	+15	5.7	2.8	..
3,340,000	Delmar	57	..	2.9	5.1	11.3
20.2m	Dencora	116	..	6.4	5.5	18.5
4,029,000	Dennens Elec	98	●-2	5.5	5.6	7.3
8,182,000	Dewey Warren	191	+13	10.7e	5.5	12.8
10.6m	Diploma	280	..	4.3	1.5	15.3
5.2m	Druck	240	..	8.5	3.5	23.0
5,482,000	Dunlop	29½	+1	0.6	2.0	34.3
5,672,000	Eadie	61	+3	2.5	4.1	18.9
13.9m	Ealing Elect Optics	133	-2	3.1	2.3	23.1
1,744,000	Ecotric	20	..	0.4e	2.0	14.9
39.5m	Edin Fund	216	+1	9.3	3.5	15.8
4,798,000	Edin Oil & Gas	90	..	..	..	22.5
30.9m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	404	+1	10.0	2.5	16.4
19.3m	Electron House	164	+14	4.9	3.0	21.5
9,368,000	Electronic Data P	170	●+8	2.5	2.3	12.7
22.4m	Elmira	143	-1	..	..	..
1,786,000	Emmanuel Prod	255	+2	..	..	11.2
18.5m	Equipu	258	●-2	2.1	2.8	21.4
11.6m	Erin Construcion	205	●-5	6.4	5.1	14.1
37.1m	Fil	338	●+20	..	..	..
21.8m	FKB Gp	238	..	3.8	1.5	25.5
12.6m	F & H Group	135	+4	..	..	..
5,997,000	Feedback	71	..	1.8	2.5	25.5
5,577,000	Fergatrook	22	-3	..	..	1.8
229.5m	Fields (Mnf)	159	..	..	..	..
4,345,000	Fletcher, Dennys	69	●-5	3.8	5.7	14.7
11.2m	Flextech	53	+1	..	..	9.3
54.2m	Flogas	310	●+2	5.0	1.6	..
9,893,000	Floyd Oil	68	..	..	..	19.7
7,251,000	Ford & Weston	82	..	4.3	5.2	9.6
30.8m	French Conc	196	+6	7.5	3.8	12.7
59.4m	Frenchsbke	135	r -4	2.9	2.1	23.1
41.0m	Fuller Smith 'A'	340	+4	6.3	1.8	17.8
10.2m	Gatbeck	128	-7	4.3	3.4	15.0
7,970,000	Gee (Cecil)	91	+3	3.7	4.1	..
3,500,000	Gee/Rosser	80	+5	2.4	4.8	15.2
4,800,000	Gibbon Lyons	133	+2	5.2	4.3	20.7
12.5m	Gibbs Mew	229	+2	5.7	2.5	24.9
23.9m	Gilbert House	83	..	..	..	..
12.5m	Glaxo Tern Invs	98	+4	7.1e	10.4	45.9
9,914,000	Cons Microwave	195	..	3.2	1.6	29.8
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37.1m	Fil	338	●+20	..	..	..
21.8m	FKB Gp	238	..	3.8	1.5	25.5
12.6m	F & H Group	135	+4	..	..	..
5,997,000	Feedback	71	..	1.8	2.5	25.5
5,577,000	Fergatrook	22	-3	..	..	1.8
20.5m	Osborne & Little	295	-1	4.7	1.6	28.2
27.8m	Owners Abroad	48½	-1	2.1	4.3	13.7
6,079,000	PCT	137	+2	4.6	3.4	15.5
7,237,000	Pacer Systems	162	+2	..	..	..
3,650,000	Pacific Sales	73	+2½	4.2	5.9	17.5
5,440,000	Pandhandle	136	-4	5.3	3.9	12.4
4,782,000	Parkfield Gp	230	●+7	2.8	1.2	..
4,324,000	Paul M Leis	38	..	..	..	35.0
29.1m	Pawson	91	-1	..	..	5.5
43.0m	Pepe Group	183	-1	4.7	2.6	17.5
11.2m	Pericom	150	●+5	3.5	2.4	10.6
3,360,000	Persans (J)	35	●+3	1.7	4.9	16.0
5,538,000	Personal Computer	128	●+2	4.9	3.8	15.5
8,927,000	Peters (Michael)	126	-2	3.7	2.9	21.4
2,530,000	Petrogen	23	..	..	..	..
3,354,000	Piccadilly Radio	43	-½	2.8	6.7	12.4
3,569,000	Pict Pet	128	-3	..	..	5.7
7,250,000	Pineapple	87	●-1	..	..	..
3,266,000	Pizzmac	71	+4	1.0	1.4	8.8
7,769,000	Plaxton	190	●-3	4.5	2.4	13.8
17.4m	Plum Hldgs	116	-2	..	..	..
12.4m	Polypack Marine	135	-1	..	..	..
17.0m	Powerline	140	●+2	2.9	2.1	18.8
6,570,000	Prontaprint	90	+2	3.6	4.0	10.3
9,212,000	Quarto	128	-1	..	..	..
8,593,000	Questel	201	+12	6.3	3.1	13.5
19.9m	Radamec	133	+5	..	..	..
1,188,000	Radio City 'A'	54	+7	..	..	10.5
3,885,000	Radio Clyde	88	●+8	5.0	7.4	12.0
11.9m	Radius	121	+11	1.4	1.2	18.2
4,884,000	Ramco Oil	28	..	..	..	7.1
4,782,000	Ramus	108	..	2.7	1.1	9.3
22.8m	Ramsworth	180	+2	0.4	-2	..
5,180,000	Real Time Control	74	+1	2.9	3.9	21.3
1,273,000	Reliant Motor	23	-3	..	..	19.7
32.4m	Rexin	144	+14	0.1	0.1	..
6,744,000	Rockwood	95	-2	..	..	..
2,568,000	Rolfe & Nolan	115	+2	2.9	2.5	49.6
8,410,000	Rotunda	116	+3	4.3	3.7	14.0
12.1m	Ryman	128	-1	..	..	..
21.2m	SAC	182	..	2.9	1.8	20.0
11.7m	Sangers Photo	32	..	3.2	3.5	26.6
4,951,000	Sandpiper Pet	32	-1	..	..	3.1
27.3m	Savage	210	..	4.3	2.0	25.8
3,243,000	Scanro	165	+1	5.7	5.4	8.6
23.1m	Scantronic	223	..	5.3	2.3	21.4
56.4m	Scot Heritable	178	+7	6.4	3.6	15.5
9,360,000	Securiguard	135	-3	3.9	2.9	25.0
2,675,000	SelecTV	191	+4	..	..	..
28.0m	Shane Drug Strs	248	+13	3.4	1.4	21.8
4,230,000	Sheldon Jones	52	..	2.6	5.0	9.7
6,888,000	Sherwood Comp	248	+1	4.5	1.8	29.9
13.0m	Shield	180	●-5	2.9	1.6	27.2
6,360,000	Sigmex	75	..	0.8	1.1	26.3
4,109,000	Sims Catering	115	+5	5.7	5.2	13.5
12.6m	Sinclair (William)	217	..	5.3	2.4	16.2
12.3m	Smithsons	220	+5	5.1	2.3	20.5
11.7m	Snowdon Bridge	179	..	7.4p	0.8	21.7
4,100,000	Spectrocite	41	..	1.7	4.1	12.2
35.5m	Shn Bus	230	●-7	5.0	2.2	10.2
7,293,000	SW Resources	14	+1	..	..	5.6
4,650,000	Space Planning	93	-5	2.8	2.8	17.7
21.1m	Spandex	247	..	..	..	..
5,330,000	Spectra Auto	95	..	3.6	3.8	15.0
2,538,000	Spectrum	22	..	..	..	2.4
9,920,000	Spice	128	..	4.0	3.1	12.2
2,400,000	Spirals	46	●+2	4.7	9.6	7.9
10.3m	Stainless Metal	192	●+2	8.4	4.3	14.3
12.3m	Sterling Pub	83	+4	4.8	5.8	11.1
12.0m	Sunleigh Elect	33	..	0.2	0.6	67.3
10.5m	Sutherland (ET)	70	+4	4.8	6.9	22.1
1,860,000	Swindin Pr Hosp	230	..	..	..	36.8
8,096,000	Synapse Comp	220	+10	3.1	1.3	19.2
20.4m	T & S Stores	255	..	4.5	1.8	27.3
9,800,000	TDS Circuits	140	+7	2.9p	2.1	6.0
7,515,000	TMD Advent	140	●+3	2.9	2.1	18.7
15.3m	TSB Chem Islands	111	+1	..	..	..
6,564,000	Task Force	120	+10	2.5	2.1	17.6
15.0m	Tay Homes	283	+32	7.5	2.7	22.8
4,063,000	Tech For Bus	100	+5	2.7	2.7	10.9
11.5m	Tech Comp	305	+5	4.8	1.5	41.1
8,568,000	Telecompuling	180	●-2	2.1	1.2	15.6
9,958,000	Tel Serv Int	87	●+4	3.1	3.6	28.0
20.0m	Thermax	276	+13	7.1	4.1	16.7
52.3m	Thorn Scientific	292	..	7.1	2.4	17.4
4,414,000	Thorpac	63	..	1.2	1.9	28.1
3,958,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	56	+2	4.1	7.3	10.9
15.5m	Tod (WA)	168	..	4.7	2.5	13.4
1,907,000	Towngrade Sec	36	..	..	..	6.2
14.9m	Trade Promotion	256	+25	6.2	2.4	24.0
48.3m	Trencherwood	488	+10	7.6	1.5	23.8
15.2m	Trion	105	-2	3.6	3.4	16.9
15.2m	Tyne Tees 'A'	198	..	5.8	2.9	19.5
2,837,000	Utd Ceramic	108	..	5.4	5.0	18.2
30.6m	Utd Friendly	583	+27	26.0	4.5	..
5,001,000	Utd Packaging	161	+1	4.6	3.9	8.9
12.4m	Utd Tst Credit	508	●+2	20.0	3.9	..
7,852,000	Usher (Frank)	114	●+4	6.4	5.6	13.8
13.2m	Viewplan	75	..	1.8	2.4	31.3
9,600,000	Wayne Kerr	98	+4	2.3	2.7	19.5
4,973,000	Webber Electro	108	..	2.3	2.1	9.8
3,566,000	Weipac	27	..	0.4	2.0	13.7
4,155,000	West Yorkshire	98	..	3.7	3.8	14.0
7,554,000	Wheeley Mackay	169	..	5.7	3.4	14.0
94.0m	Wickes	285	●+30	3.6	1.3	32.7
7,179,000	Wilkins Spar	15	..	..	..	..
2,320,000	Wilson (Flex) Hdgs	20	-½	1.3	6.5	18.1
10.2m	Wingate	98	..	2.7	2.7	26.0
10.0m	Wold	45	-1	2.1	4.6	24.5
10.4m	Woolfsons Better	104	..	..	..	..
16.2m	Worcester	280	●+52	7.9	2.2	37.7
11.2m	Wid of Leather	140	-1	3.7	2.3	15.1
11.9m	Wyko	86	●+4	3.7	4.3	15.1
15.8m	Yellowhammer	153	●+2	2.3	1.5	22.4
5,949,000	Yelverton	49	..	..	..	7.1
8,694,000	York Mount	63	-2	2.4	3.8	29.2
24.0m	York Tst Gp	61	+1	..	..	..
1,200,000	Do 8%	£100	..	600	80	..
4,150,000	Zygal Dynamics	83	+12	0.7	0.8	11.4

APPOINTMENTS

Regalian Homes, Regalian Developments and Regalian Urban Renewal: Mr Ramsay Nassim has joined the boards.

George Wimpey: Mr John Holmes has been made group marketing director for the international, engineering and offshore contracting operations.

Teesside Communications: Mr Tony Hill is to succeed Mr Tim Willis as managing director when Mr Willis leaves on May 1.

BICC Cables: Mr P Bibby is now director of marketing.

Hollis Industries and Hollis Professional and Financial Services: Mr Brian Moss is now group operations director.

AE: Mr Roger Boissier has been appointed a non-executive director.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Moss Bros loss?

I am devastated to learn that Moss Bros, the clothes retailer best known for its formal wear hire business, may be about to sever its connections with Manny Silverman after more than 40 years. Manny, a popular and amiable character, the son of a Lithuanian refugee, grew up in London's East End and joined Moss Bros as an apprentice tailor in 1946. He had been its chief executive for the past seven years. Manny, aged 55, was only the second non-family executive to make it to the top of the Moss Bros family empire and his vacant post will now be filled by his deputy, Peter Moss. During his time at the helm the company's capitalization has grown from £5 million to £19 million and the number of retail outlets has more than doubled. The company's five-year quest for permission to redevelop its Covent Garden flagship store is also close to completion — a scheme which, if approved, will transform its financial prospects.
Manny was last night unavailable for comment.

Store wars

That top people's store in Knightsbridge seems to be striving to burnish its less-than-glorious staff relations after recent reports of industrial unrest among the till-watchers and table-polishers. Harrods' staff social and sports club, which occupies a few lavish green acres beside the Thames in Lonsdale Road, Barnes, is reported to be applying for planning permission for general improvements, extended bars . . . and an indoor swimming pool.



"How would I know what price Amalgamated Consolidated are this morning!"

Frankly Ernest

Following loud cries of unfair play from the Liberal Party last week about the absence of Liberal names on the "working" peer list, there is now a tale doing the rounds in the Commons that former Guinness chief Ernest Saunders was to have been proposed. Unable to resist the opportunity in a by-election week, Labour MP Dale Campbell-Savours has, in an early day motion, asked Liberal leader David Steel to make a statement "as to the circumstances in which it was proposed that Ernest Saunders be offered a peerage." Steel was unavailable for comment, but a spokesman on his behalf said: "Mr Steel has nothing to say about this, he does not understand what it is about, nor has he any idea where it came from." Saunders, a dyed-in-the-wool Tory, will no doubt be amused.

Eyebrows raised

Fancy Denis Healey, the former Labour Chancellor, being a shareholder in a Business Expansion Scheme — given that they are such a tax-efficient means of investment for high-income earners. It is especially surprising to see him associated with an estate agency business, Alliance Asset Management, which at the moment operates from one office in Crawley, West Sussex, but plans to expand nationwide. Healey already owns 13,300 shares in the firm, in which sponsors Lancashire & Yorkshire Investment Management, when it joined the BES last year, offered 500,000 shares at 200p each — valuing Healey's investment at more than £26,000.

Buff's box

The famous red boxes into which ministers pack their papers could soon become a thing of the past if changes taking place at the Department of Employment prove habit-forming. Computer buff Lord Young's box is almost paper-free these days, with just a few floppy disks sculling around in the bottom. Apparently the terminal on this technocrat's desk also allows him to update his diary direct without the intervention or knowledge of his private office. Is nothing sacred?

Carol Leonard

ANALYSIS

Rigs' fate hard to fathom when the oil runs out

Sooner or later, North Sea oil and gas fields will come to the end of their productive lives and the time will come when the production platforms will need to be decommissioned and taken away.

No one knows when the first fixed platform will need to be removed. Nor does anyone know whether total removal will be insisted upon or if partial removal will be satisfactory. And what the cost will be is anyone's guess.

An examination of the production profiles of most North Sea oilfields shows that the majority of oilfields will be exhausted between 1995 and 2000. However, this sort of cut-off is most unlikely for a variety of reasons, including the oil price which will determine whether the ultimate drops of oil are worth recovering.

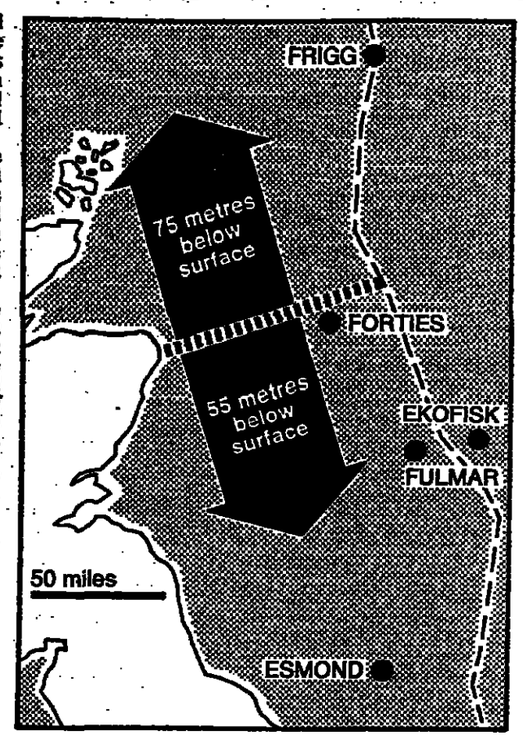
From the oil companies' point of view, production platforms are valuable pieces of infrastructure. For that reason alone, operators will be keen to extend their economic lives for as long as possible, through cost-cutting measures if necessary in the later years.

While it is there, it can be used to drain nearby accumulations which can be developed by means of subsea well-heads. And, of course, while it has an economic life, there is no need to incur the costs of taking it away.

The problems of removing offshore structures have been exercising the minds of both the International Maritime Organisation and the British Parliament.

The United Nations Law of the Sea appears to give a certain amount of latitude to coastal states whether to opt for total or partial removal. Article 60.3 reads: "Any installations or structures which are abandoned or disused shall be removed to ensure safety of navigation."

The 1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf is much more specific. Article 5.5 states: "Any installations which are abandoned or disused must be entirely removed." As the convention has not been incorporated into the legal systems of most countries, it is widely regarded as not binding.



There are very big vested interests at stake, ranging from the safety of shipping and the needs of the fishing industry to military considerations.

It has been argued, mainly by the oil industry, that the safety of shipping can be guaranteed by total removal of shallow-water platforms and cutting off the deeper structures at the knees and toppling them to give clearance of more than 40 metres.

In a curious and unusual alliance with the Soviet Union, the United States is looking for nothing short of total removal except for 2 per cent of structures. Both countries are seeking unfettered movement for their respective navies, and are worried that residual structures could be convenient hiding places for lurking enemy submarines.

The International Maritime Organisation's sub-committee on the safety of navigation met last month to consider these and other arguments, and will reconvene in a year's time to give time for comment from interested nations. It has succeeded in accommodating both submissions by crossing out the figures, 2 per cent and 40 metres, in the hope that the argument can be developed on a rational basis.

In the US, there are only three deep-water structures, which would be exempted from total removal by the mooted 2 per cent exclusion. However, in the North Sea, more than a third are in very deep water.

The 40-metre cut-off point is also contentious. Countries which have no significant offshore structures of their own, such as France, West Germany and the Soviet Union, all favour total removal.

The deep-sea fishermen for their part argue that anything other than total clearance of the seabed causes unacceptable damage to their nets. Given the potential costs, it may not be facetious to suggest that free replacement of damaged nets could be a low-cost alternative.

Some countries are concerned that coastal states should not be allowed too much discretion. If leaving properly-lit platforms *in situ* is allowed as an option, some poorer countries like Brazil and Indonesia could plead that removal is too expensive.

If platforms are to be taken away, where can they go? One suggestion is that they could be towed to a pre-designated location to form an artificial reef which could attract fish shoals to the benefit of fishing. Otherwise, they would need to be dumped in very deep water.

The Petroleum Bill, when it becomes law, will need to be implemented in the light of the still-evolving international agreements.

In the meantime, the likely future cost of removal will influence future development plans. The more expensive it is, the more likely the industry will try to make maximum use of the platforms already there.

It may also inhibit the industry from putting in many more fixed platforms — it will prefer to opt for more floaters and subsea well-heads. Both of these methods of development have become much more acceptable with improving technology.

Carol Ferguson

High price of wading ashore

To investors in oil shares, platform removal will seem to be a long way off. But the Government has a big financial interest in this potentially very expensive and unproductive activity and is anxious to ensure that future liabilities are apportioned sooner rather than later.

The Petroleum Bill dealing with platform abandonment emerged from the Commons report stage last Wednesday and it is hoped that it will pass into law by Easter.

Over the years, in the Gulf of Mexico, operators have removed redundant platforms as a matter of routine. But the water is shallow there and platforms much smaller.

In the southern North Sea and the Irish Sea, there are 99 steel platforms in comparatively shallow water, each weighing between 1,000 and 5,000 tonnes.

However, the northern North Sea has an additional 45 deep-water platforms, which weigh 10 times as much. Ten of these deep-water platforms are made of concrete. Norway has favoured these concrete structures to an even greater degree. They were deliberately designed to be as heavy as possible so that they are able to remain stable just by resting on the seabed. As a result, they each weigh more than 200,000 tonnes.

The last time the British oil industry had a stab at guessing the cost of abandonment was in 1984. Total removal would cost £6 billion and removal to 40 metres below wave height £4.7 billion. The cost of toppling into the sea is much more uncertain but could be as much as £2.7 billion.

These costs can be offset against royalties, petroleum revenue tax and corporation tax paid during the life of the field. It has been estimated that this means the government of the day will find itself forking out up to 70 per cent.

Nevertheless, the cost to the industry will be substantial, and it will come at a time when companies will have the most difficulty in finding the money.

The Petroleum Bill establishes liability among the partners on the licence, and it requires them to come up with an abandonment programme, including how they intend to find the money.

This is particularly relevant for the smaller British oil companies. They have been providing for abandonment in their profit and loss accounts, but they have not been putting the money aside. They could therefore be in difficulty when the time comes if they do not start saving now. Unless, of course, they can subsidize the removal from other fields still in production.

US NOTEBOOK

Doubt about Volcker inhibits dollar policy

The fragile state of the US bond market was starkly exposed last week, when a rise in the rate on federal funds precipitated something close to panic over the prospect of a minor switch towards tightness in Federal Reserve policy.

Funds, the cost of overnight money, started the week at 6¼ per cent and rose through 6⅜ per cent on Tuesday to a peak of 6¾ by Wednesday afternoon. The bond market had been expecting that the Fed would have to do something about the weak dollar and the excessive rate of money growth that has kept bonds subdued since last April.

When the funds rate started to kick up, the result was something akin to a selloff in bonds. The 30-year bond, which had been 100½ on Friday, February 6, fell to 98^{15}⁄$_{32}$ on Wednesday as the bond market bristled with rumour and speculation about the central bank's intentions.

Fears were intensified by the Fed's decision not to go for repurchase agreements during last week, thus adding to fears of a switch to a tighter policy.

Confusion was increased by the tendency of Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, to talk out of both sides of his mouth on the dollar and by the widening split between him and Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman of the Fed, who deploredMr Baker's belief that dollar depreciation can and will solve the American trade deficit.

On Thursday came the news of a 5.8-point drop in January seasonally-adjusted retail sales, the biggest fall recorded since the Commerce Department began collecting the figures, and a fall in funds to 6 per cent in the afternoon. By midday on Friday, the long bond was pushing 99½ again.



Volcker: at odds with Baker over dollar depreciation

A new policy of "buying on the dips" is evolving in bonds as experienced traders with a long-term optimistic view, based on the continuance of disinflation and economic stagnation in the US, were able to benefit from the volatile emotions of those glued to phosphorescent tubes who trade on "screen impulse".

Looking towards the next few weeks, there is little optimism that a Group of Five meeting, if eventually arranged, will succeed. The West Germans and Japanese are as intransigent as ever in their opposition to strong import-stimulating measures. Without guarantees of action by these two, the US clearly cannot see any reason for attempting to co-operate in modifying the dollar's decline.

If, as expected, the dollar drops again in the next few weeks, it is assumed the Fed will have to act again to signal tighter money, once again knocking bonds and providing buying opportunities.

Thursday night brought better news of a little slower growth in the M2 and M3 money aggregates. M2, which grew an average 9.2 per cent in the fourth quarter — too high by the Fed's own standards — rose at an annual rate of 9 per cent in January while M3 rose at an annual rate of 8.6 per cent. These are still high numbers. However, they may indicate some "topping out" in the growth rates of these aggregates, the main ones followed by the Fed these days.

Unfortunately, the conduct of monetary policy at this crucial time, when markets are so prone to panic, is inhibited by the uncertainty surrounding the future of Mr Volcker.

Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, is widely believed to detest the Fed chairman and this spills over into uncertainty about Mr Volcker's present and prospective authority to deal with the developing crisis in the balance of payments.

He has, in any case, a tricky task — attempting to reconcile the steady economic growth demanded by the Administration with declining foreign confidence in the dollar.

Maxwell Newton

COMMENT

Unkindest cut of all for business schools

The London and Manchester Business Schools are up in arms. They have had their provisional state grants for 1989-90 cut by 9 and 23 per cent respectively, just when the need for more thoroughly professional management is universally recognized more than ever. Indeed, the two postgraduate schools — designated on the basis of the Franks report of 1963 to be the management equivalent of Oxbridge — fare worse than any other institutions of the 50-plus clients of the University Grants Committee.

Both schools now draw more than 70 per cent of their total income from other sources, mainly from business, and including fees for short courses. But Manchester claims it might have to treble the £1,700 a year fees for British and EEC students on its two-year MBA course, raising them to near the levels charged to other overseas students.

They are particularly appalled because both schools have at last responded to the long-standing criticism that they have not been producing nearly as many MBAs as originally planned. Proportionately, all British business schools turn out little more than a tenth of the formally qualified managers delivered by American schools. Both London and Manchester are now increasing their student numbers by about 30 per cent.

In a world of academic jealousies, rivals provide a ready explanation. The two, it is said, are being punished for concentrating too much on academic teaching or the more abstruse theories of finance, instead of training effective managers.

This has certainly been a criticism of business schools ever since they were founded as part of the university system. Students and companies find too much emphasis on specialized numerical techniques and not enough on how to manage people. And management of people is the single most obvious failing of British managers — at least when they are trying to manage their fellow Britons.

There is little evidence, however, that such criticism is especially directed at the London and Manchester schools, rather than almost all others which are more closely attached to their parent universities. Rather, only London and Manchester deal separately with the UGC.

Officially, quality has nothing to do with it. Within a tight overall budget, the two business schools are being cut back because they could draw even more of their funds from business. And provisional grants could be raised if student numbers rise.

To the more Machiavellian, this may sound like creeping privatization. After all, the case for privatizing business schools was argued in a paper for the Institute of Economic Affairs jointly written by Professor Brian Griffiths, who now heads the policy unit at 10 Downing Street.

Privatization would put British business schools on a par, for instance, with the Harvard Business School and other leading American and European schools. This, however, is not the policy of the Department of Education and Science, still less of the UGC. And some privatizers are as furious as the schools, since the current tactics offer none of the advantages of privatization to offset the loss of funds.

The case for making all postgraduate business schools financially independent is that it would make them independent in other ways, too. From their inception, the schools have been sucked into the university regime, rather than there being a close collaboration between teachers and businessmen — from the governing board down — as envisaged by Lord Franks.

For example, London and Manchester have two-year MBA courses rather than the one-year courses recommended in the Franks report. They have to stick to the university rules on numbers, fees and teachers' pay, cramping competition and ensuring that pay is too low to attract more than a handful of active businessmen.

While the LBS, in particular, is more independent than others, it would be hard for the two to compete against subsidized rivals with one hand still tied behind their back. Scrabbling to attract more funds or sponsorship from industry on the side is quite different from tailoring your main occupation to suit the customer better. While the UGC is still making grants, its priorities rule.

If ever there were a case for removing state subsidy from education, it is surely in graduate business training, where company customers know what they want and students paying for themselves should have little trouble borrowing money against the future earnings they are pointedly attempting to raise. Against that, removing subsidy might distort the market by pushing more into subsidized forms of education. Squeezing state support while keeping the heavy hand on the reins offers the worst of both worlds.

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Financial Editor

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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

Talking your way in

New groups are teaching new techniques we never knew we needed, writes Ann Hills

Can you hail a taxi ahead of the mob, or hold the attention of fellow guests at a party? These abilities might seem trite — but they could indicate a potential career, teaching the art of communication.

"Communication" and "inter-personal skills" are buzz words bandied about by a host of new groups teaching techniques no one realized they needed until recently.

What has changed? Telephone selling is here to stay, service is no longer a dirty word and high-tech experts, familiar with computerized screens, are called upon to manage human beings — just three reasons offered by specialist companies.

Career opportunities don't fall into an easy pattern. Reputable companies tend to want entrants who have proved adept communicators in spheres from education to personnel management, and they provide in-house training.

Peter Neal is a case in point. He is to be found at the Programmes Group — a progressive telephone marketing, training and recruitment organization started by Elisabeth Gluck, who has won assorted awards for filling a niche.

The story goes back to 1981, when

Phoners are selling goods and services

Elisabeth gave up being an art therapist at Holloway Prison, homed in on phone selling and found her first clients through Yellow Pages. They included a debt collection service which went into liquidation. Now clients pay in advance.

Her north London office, in pleasantly converted premises, is a busy place. In one large room groups of telephone sales staff are ringing companies, selling goods and services (for example a computer software company wants appointments with accountants). Now and again a self-congratulatory clap or shout announces that a "phoner" has reached her target.

The scene is jolly and, at a serious level, designed to motivate. The office opens at 8am with staff (Elizabeth included) cleaning their own offices and with an early morning meeting on company topics, or even the state of politics.

The mood is a cross between Japanese teamwork and American cheerleading. It works: staff working in a series of linked companies number 250 and are increasing as success in selling has led to a demand for training.

Peter began on the telephone, despite his degree in politics, having been a factory inspector and polytechnic lecturer. "Before anyone here becomes a trainer they have to start on the phones", he says.

Being "real" is in; the artificial hard sell is out. "Having mastered selling, I was taught extra communication skills, from theory to analysing behaviour — words, ideas, postures; like driving a car, it becomes automatic".

Peter, now 40 and a senior trainer, reckons he is well paid, works long hours in a team and spends most of his time out training in locations from hotels to British Telecom.

He relates as easily to top managers, being groomed to present the company, as to novice salesmen — and for that matter to journalists and self-employed people prepared to invest around £200 a day to refine their listening and questioning skills. These, he agrees, are common-sense — when you know them. "Habits of a lifetime are built up. Someone may not realize they look miserable, or are being brusque.

"One manager hated telling anyone they had done anything wrong. I taught him to say No. Another didn't realize that people recoiled because he pointed a finger at them when he spoke. I taught him an alternative gesture. Seeing them succeed is magic."

He advised that "this is not a career for failures". Peter's own ambitions lie in becoming consultant to a clutch of big companies, training their trainers. Meanwhile, Programmes is expanding abroad; is on the look out for new members of management teams, people with particular expertise, and newcomers prepared to start at the bottom, on the telephone.

Richard Denny lives in a Queen Anne house in the West Country, but spends time in a London studio masterminding a £400,000, 21-part video production for the professional manager to be launched in March. The communications section covers telephone to written, and face-to-face contact.

Richard's own career began with confrontation: in the mid-1960s, as a young Sussex farmer hit by a price slump, he challenged government and learnt you can't beat them.

He studied marketing abroad, gaining experience from America to the Middle East, started leadership training in the mid-1970s ("too early") and formed Man Management. Today he trains staff in major international companies and retails his own packages such as Dare to be Great (four audio cassettes), Professional Selling (a video) and a monthly collection of snippets called Bits & Pieces, with such bon mots as "lack of opportunity is often nothing more than lack of purpose or direction."

He employs a sales force and trains them to have a positive attitude, to be honest and polite. "We have to be able to teach people to believe they can achieve". Attitude, he insists, is at the heart of success. Manpower is recruiting specialists to market highly articulate, slick productions. Samples are available free.

Alan and Kirsty Peake live at the heart of Dartmoor and from there runs Peake and Partners, a company dedicated to giving courses on interviewing and presentation skills. They bring in other trainers to complement their own talents.

A particular requirement in firms these days, says Kirsty, is "enabling people who deal with computers to communicate without jargon." That won't make headlines, unlike a new "charm" school for bouncers, which the media pounced upon when it was launched by Angela Boden of Birmingham's Bournville College. The point is: all sorts of staff apparently need teaching how to make their mark.

Elizabeth Sidney is one of the doyenes of the business, having gained skills since her student days, when she set up a theatre group at Oxford. She formed Mantra (based in Islington) "for people whose problems and answers are people". Staff number around 20 (12 part-time), several of them tutors (mostly 30-plus) with backgrounds from therapy to management. The art of tutoring, she explains, is "complete concentration, being disciplined and perceptive, not self-indulgent".

Her colleagues prepare company spokesmen to appear on television —

Hotels know that people need creature comforts

especially to face heckling after a crisis. Video shows that too often "they consider their appearance too much and don't get their message punchy enough".

Elizabeth's organization also teaches selection procedures at Marks & Spencer: "We have to persuade people not to recruit in their own image, and to use biodata — factual details of the interviewees' history without bias". The best salesmen, as she points out, may be "hungry because they are married with children and a heavy mortgage".

She aims to improve the atmosphere in work settings: "People leave because the culture is not right: companies could learn from hotel keepers who know that people need creature comforts, someone to talk to and to be treated with patience".

Communication, as old as mankind, is the basis of a novel career and many of its leading lights are helping others — who like themselves — want to maximize life experiences.

● **The Programmes Group, Queens Studios, 121 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6RG (01-624 6060).**

● **Man Management, Management House, 20 Northgate Street, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1JT (0380 77555).**

● **Mantra, Centre 257, Liverpool Road, London N1 1LX (01-609 9055).**

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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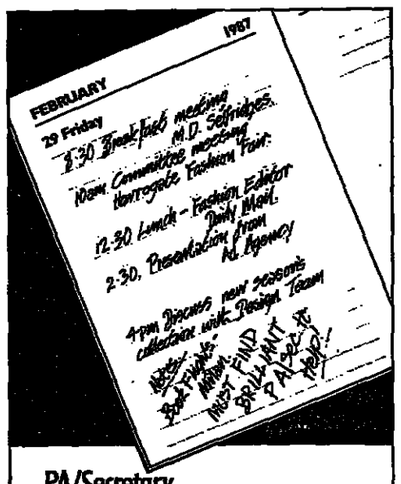
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Right to recover payment

Chestertons (a Firm) v Barone

Where a plaintiff was entitled to look for payment either to an agent personally or to his, originally undisclosed, principal, but not to both, his right to recover against the agent would be lost only when he had unequivocally elected to look to the principal alone for payment.

The agent would remain liable until and unless he could demonstrate that the plaintiff had given up and abandoned his legal rights against him: it was not sufficient merely to show that the plaintiff had failed to indicate any intention of looking to the agent for payment.

Where the agent contended that from all the circumstances a novation could be inferred, whereby the principal had with the consent of the plaintiff been substituted in the contract for the agent, he would have to prove that the plaintiff had expressly abandoned his rights against him, just as he would in order to prove an election.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nourse) so held on February 11, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff estate agents from Amersham County Court (Mr Assistant Recorder A. M. E. Wheeler) which had dismissed their claim for commission against the defendant, a solicitor, in respect of the sale of property owned by the defendant's, originally undisclosed, principal.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that it was difficult to think of facts where an unequivocal election could be shown without legal proceedings having been started, but that was not to say that one could never arise, in an exceptional case, before the institution of proceedings.

Power to grant financial relief retrospective

Chebaro v Chebaro

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment February 5]

Where an overseas divorce, annulment or legal separation was entitled to be recognized in England and Wales, either party was entitled to seek financial relief in reliance on section 12 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, notwithstanding that such decree had been obtained before section 12 came into force.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the husband, Musbah Chebaro, from a decision of Mr Justice Sheldon (*The Times* April 3, 1986; [1986] Fam 71) who granted the wife, Mona Chebaro, leave to pursue an application for financial relief.

Part III of the 1984 Act which came into force on September 16, 1985 provides by section 12(1): "Where (a) a marriage has been dissolved or annulled, or the parties to a marriage have been legally separated by means of judicial or other proceedings in an overseas country, and (b) the divorce, annulment or legal separation is entitled to be recognized as valid in England or Wales, either party to the marriage may apply to the court in the manner prescribed . . . for an order for financial relief under this Part of this Act".

Mr Donald Hart, QC and Mr Martin Allweis for the husband; Mr Robert Johnson, QC and Miss Deborah Lambert for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the parties were Lebanese who married in Beirut in 1966 and had four children born between 1967 and 1971. In 1976 they came to England and established their matrimonial home in Cheshire.

They separated in 1984 and on April 16, 1985 the marriage was formally dissolved by a decree of divorce obtained by the husband in Lebanon, the validity of which would, prima facie, be recognized in England.

In February 1986 the wife applied for leave to make an application under Part III of the 1984 Act. The husband at once raised the question of jurisdiction on the basis that Part III did not apply where the overseas divorce was granted, as here, before September 16, 1985.

There was a long established principle of statutory construction that a statute should not be interpreted retrospectively so as to impair an existing right or obligation. A statute was retrospective if, inter alia, it attached a new disability in regard to events already past.

There was also the approved principle that if the ordinary and natural meaning of the words used was plain, effect should be given to it, and it was only if such meaning was obscure or equivocal that resort should be had to presumptions or explanation.

Whichever approach was adopted, the result would be the same since the words used were plain and unequivocal.

The use of the past tense "where a marriage has been dissolved" in contradistinction to the present tense in the immediately following subparagraph "and the divorce . . . is entitled to be recognized" made it clear that the section was intended to apply to a decree of divorce whenever pronounced and whether before or after September 16, 1985.

Further, support for that construction was to be found in section 15(1)(a) and (b) which provided that the court had jurisdiction to entertain an application for financial relief if either party was domiciled in England on the date on which the overseas divorce, annulment or legal separation was obtained or was habitually resident in England throughout the period of one year ending with the date on which the divorce, annulment or legal separation took effect in the country in which it was obtained.

Lord Justice Purchas delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, concurring, said that two specific questions had to be answered in dealing with section 12(1) of the Act.

First, had the marriage to which the applicant was a party been dissolved by means of proceedings in a foreign country; and second, was the divorce or other order made in those proceedings "entitled to be recognized in England and Wales".

Only the first of those questions arose in the present case. There was no reason to give any other than the plain meaning to the words "has been dissolved".

The parties' marriage had been dissolved by means of proceedings in an overseas country and the validity of the divorce was recognized in this country.

There was no answer to the argument that the statutory conditions which enabled the wife to apply for financial relief had been satisfied.

Solicitors: Rowleys & Blewitts, Manchester; Edgar Buckley & Co, Altrincham.

Enforcing agreement when in default

Alghussein Establishment v Eton College

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment February 5]

Whether a party in wilful default of a term of an agreement could nevertheless enforce the agreement was essentially a question of construction of the agreement.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Alghussein Establishment, from a decision of Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, in favour of the defendant, Eton College, on two preliminary points of law.

Mr Donald Keating, QC and Mr Kirk Reynolds for the plaintiff; Mr John Mowbray, QC and Mr William Poulton for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the defendant was the owner of valuable land at 17/19 Elsworthy Road, Camden, London, for which planning permission for development had been granted.

On June 30, 1978 an agreement was entered into between the defendant as landlord and Suregrand Ltd, the plaintiff's predecessor, as tenant. By clause 1 of a 99-year lease annexed to the agreement a lease of the site was to be granted to the tenant.

Clause 3 provided: "The tenant shall . . . (b) as soon as is reasonably practicable following all necessary licences . . . use its best endeavours to commence and complete the development . . .".

Clause 4 provided: "Upon the proper issue of the certificate of practical completion [by the tenant's architects] the landlords will forthwith grant and the tenant shall forthwith accept and execute a counterpart of the lease provided that if for any reason due to the wilful default of the tenant the development shall remain uncompleted on the 29th day of September 1983 the lease shall forthwith be granted and completed . . . but without prejudice to the provisions of clause 3 . . .".

With the defendant's consent the agreement was assigned to the plaintiff in March 1979 for £310,000.

By 1984 the development had not commenced and in October the defendant purported to treat the agreement as repudiated because of the plaintiff's failure to commence and complete the development.

The plaintiff contended that it had not repudiated the agreement; owing to high interest rates between 1979 and 1984 and the weakness of the property market then, it was not until late 1984 that it was "reasonably practicable" within clause 3 to commence the development; and, if it was in wilful default, nevertheless it was entitled to an immediate grant of lease under clause 4. Accordingly, it claimed a declaration that the agreement remained in force.

When the action came on the Vice-Chancellor decided two preliminary issues:

1 Whether on the true construction of clause 3(b) it was open to the plaintiff to say that it was not reasonably practicable for the plaintiff to commence the development because it would not have been profitable to do so, and

2 Whether if the development was uncompleted due to the plaintiff's wilful default the plaintiff was entitled to the grant of lease under clause 4.

On clause 4, both sides agreed that it was inept. His Lordship thought it was "half-baked". So the question was whether the court was forced to the conclusion that those who made silly agreements had to live with them.

The Vice-Chancellor felt that the proviso should have read "if for any reason not due . . ." but felt unable to imply the "not".

But relying on *New Zealand Shipping Co Ltd v Société des Ateliers et Chantiers de France* ([1919] AC 1), he held that there was an overriding legal rule that a person in default of an agreement could not enforce it and that that rule precluded the plaintiff from calling for the lease under clause 4.

The Court of Appeal, however, in that case ([1917] 2 KB 717) had decided it on principles of construction. In *Quesnel Forks Gold Mining Co Ltd v Ward* ([1920] AC 222, 227), the Privy Council recognized that whether a clause was to be defeated because a party was taking advantage of his own wilful default was essentially a question of construction of the agreement.

Approaching clause 4 as a question of construction, the first point was that it was part of a commercial agreement, so that the parties were intending to make a sensible commercial arrangement by that clause.

Since the proviso was triggered by the tenant's wilful default, the expectation was that it was to protect the landlord and not to leave him at the mercy of the tenant by being bound to grant the lease when the tenant was under no obligation to commence or complete the development.

Accordingly, a condition would be implied that the tenant could not enforce the agreement if it was in wilful default. Thus, his Lordship was in agreement with the decision of the Vice-Chancellor but by a different route.

As to clause 3(b), on an objective view it had not been unreasonable or impractical for the tenant to commence or complete the development. The fact that the tenant would have incurred costs it thought unreasonable was not to be taken into account.

By taking the assignment the plaintiff committed itself to carrying out the development. It accepted the risk that it might be unprofitable to perform the agreement.

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Fox agreed.

Solicitors: Argles & Court, Maidstone; Peake & Co.

Interlocutory injunction against trespass without damage

Patel and Others v W H Smith (Eziot) Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment January 28]

A landowner whose title was not in issue was *prima facie* entitled to an interlocutory injunction to restrain trespass on his land, even though the trespass had continued over a long period and the landowner had suffered no damage, although there could be exceptional cases where such an injunction would not be appropriate.

If on an application for such an interlocutory injunction it appeared that there was no arguable defence to the plaintiff's claim, the injunction should be granted, and it was not relevant to consider the balance of convenience, preservation of the *status quo* or whether either party could be adequately compensated in damages.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Jashbhai Kashibhai Patel, Maniben Jashbhai Patel, Ashwinkumar Patel and Pushpaben Ashwinkumar Patel, against an order of Leicester County Court (Judge Coulson), which on August 15, 1986 had refused their application for an interlocutory injunction restraining the defendants, W. H. Smith (Eziot) Ltd and Shyama Manufacturing Co Ltd, from, inter alia, parking vehicles or placing articles on the plaintiffs' land.

Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Geoffrey Zelin for the plaintiffs; Mr John Weeks, QC and Mr Ulick Staunton for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the plaintiffs were freehold owners of 34 Mansfield Street, Leicester. The first defendant was the freehold owner of adjoining land at 32 Mansfield Street, of part of which the second defendant was tenant.

Both properties had formerly been in common ownership, and when No 32 had been sold a right of way over the yard at No 34 had been created for the benefit of No 32. The plaintiffs now conceded that that entitled the defendants to park vehicles in the yard for the purpose of loading and unloading, and picking up and setting down, and the injunction sought was now qualified to that extent.

Prima facie a landowner whose title was not in dispute was entitled to an injunction restraining trespass, whether or not it was doing him any harm, as had been held at first instance in *Woollerton and Wilson Ltd v Richard Costain Ltd* ([1970] 1 WLR 411, 413) where Mr Justice Stamp said that the fact that the plaintiff had suffered no harm might be a reason for granting an injunction.

In *Behrens v Richards* ([1905] 2 Ch 614) Mr Justice Buckley had refused an injunction at trial to restrain trespass on a footpath which caused no damage to the landowner.

If it were necessary to choose which authority to follow, his Lordship would prefer the more recent one, but it was not necessary to go that far: in most cases the approach in *Woollerton* would be applicable, although there might be exceptional cases such as *Behrens* where an injunction would not be appropriate.

Two more recent cases were also authority for the application of the *prima facie* rule to applications for interlocutory injunctions.

In *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd* ([1975] AC 396, 407), it was held that on an application for an interlocutory injunction the court should first look to see whether the plaintiff's claim raised a serious question to be tried.

Where, however, the defendant asserted that he had some legal right to do that which *prima facie* was a trespass, it was the defendant who was making the claim, and the court should therefore look first to see whether the defence raised a serious question to be tried.

The defendants here asserted that they had a legal right by prescription to park in the yard, and there was clear evidence that they had so used it over a long period.

However, if there were two equally possible explanations for the existence of a use, only one of which involved the existence of a legal right, then the existence of a legal right was not made out, and for such a right to exist by prescription it had to be a right claimed against the will of the owner of the land over which it was sought to be exercised (see *Gardner v Hodgson's Kingston Brewery Co* ([1903] AC 229, 231, 239) and *Alfred F. Beckett Ltd v Lyons* ([1967] Ch 449, 474)). The burden was therefore on the defendant to show that the use was not *precario*.

On the evidence before the judge there was no arguable case that the defendants had a general right to park in the yard. The judge had therefore been wrong to conclude that there was a serious question to be tried.

Since there was no arguable case, the questions of the balance of convenience, *status quo* and the adequacy of damages did not arise, and the court ought to exercise its discretion to grant the injunction in the limited form now sought, which, contrary to the defendants' submission, was not unenforceable.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, concurring, said that exceptional cases such as *Behrens v Richards* were likely to be rare. In *Behrens* the refusal of the injunction had been at trial, at which the landowner had obtained a declaration and nominal damages sufficient to affirm his rights.

This case was very far removed from *Behrens* and *Llandudno Urban District Council v Woods* ([1899] 2 Ch 705), and his Lordship could see no answer to the plaintiffs' claim for the injunction.

Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: G. Lebor & Co; Robinson & Turnor, Leicester.

Juvenile court policy to be avoided

Regina v Birmingham City Juvenile Court, Ex parte Birmingham City Council

The policy decision of clerks to Birmingham City Juvenile Court that they would advise justices disposing of contested applications for interim care orders that the court would accept summaries of the case from each party, allow each party to make representations but not hear evidence was wrong and should be avoided.

Mr Justice Ewbank so stated, sitting as an additional judge in the Queen's Bench Division on February 6, when dismissing an application by Birmingham City Council for judicial review of a decision of the Birmingham City Juvenile Court to refuse to make an interim care order but to adjourn the proceedings for a full hearing without first hearing evidence.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the purpose of an interim care order was to protect the child and it was wrong if justices as a matter of policy refused to hear evidence in every case where the continuance of an interim care order was being considered; but there were cases where summaries and representation on behalf of each party would be sufficient, while in other cases it would be necessary to hear evidence.

Every case concerning children was different and the decision whether to hear evidence was for the justices.

At the first hearing of a care application and at a subsequent hearing for an interim custody order, if there had been a change in the circumstances, the justices would have to hear evidence.

Each juvenile court had to consider the nature of the case and decide in the interests of the child whether there should be further evidence: that was done in the instant case. The justices heard summaries and representations from each party. There was no denial of natural justice. The decision to adjourn for a full hearing without making an interim care order was not wrong.

Driver's assertion excludes any defence

Regina v Denton

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice McCowan

[Judgment February 6]

Any possible defence of necessity to a charge of reckless driving by a motorist was excluded by his assertion that he did not take risks and drove carefully throughout.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Stanley Arthur Denton, aged 37, of East Herringthorpe, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, from conviction at Sheffield Crown Court (Mr Recorder Bethel, QC and a jury) of driving recklessly in poor road conditions with slush and ice on the road. He was fined £120 and disqualified for two years.

Mr Paul Worsley, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Richard Craven for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE CAULFIELD, giving the judgment of the court, said that in January 1985 at about 8pm the appellant was followed though not pursued by two unmarked police cars containing plain-clothes police.

He stopped outside his own house, whereupon an officer left one of the police cars to speak to the appellant. He drove away.

The police chased but failed to catch him. In the chase he was said to have driven at a speed dangerous for the conditions, to have skidded on bends, narrowly missed a pedestrian and to have reversed intentionally into one of the police cars.

The jury must have accepted that account of the appellant's driving.

His case was that the area in which he resided was rough so that, when he was approached by a large man, in fear and panic he fled in his car and continued to flee as he was pursued. His fear was that he was going to be attacked.

In evidence he asserted that he had driven at safe speeds during the chase, keeping to the correct side of the road, taking corners properly and that, at no time, had he driven recklessly and had no need to do so.

His counsel wished to raise the defence of necessity or justification. The recorder refused to leave any such defence to the jury.

In view of their Lordships' ultimate decision it was unnecessary to review or comment on the many authorities cited on the alleged defence of necessity.

Even if necessity as a defence could be raised to a charge of reckless driving, it certainly could not be raised on the facts relied on by the appellant in his defence.

The necessity, if any, was to drive, not to drive recklessly.

R v Willer (*The Times* May 10, 1986; (1986) 83 Cr App R 225) might be taken to suggest that the court assumed that, on the facts, the defence of necessity could have been raised to reckless driving.

That authority did not go so far. It showed that the court doubted whether necessity as a defence could have been raised there. The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Sheffield.

No 'house refuse' from halls of residence

Mattison v Beverley Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment February 5]

Refuse from halls of residence of a university was not "house refuse" within section 72 of the Public Health Act 1936 and therefore a local authority could not be required to collect such refuse free of charge.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Mr Frank Temperley Mattison, on behalf of Hull University, from of Mr Justice Macpherson (*The Times* July 8, 1986) who had dismissed the university's appeal by way of case stated from the dismissal by South Hunsley Beacon Justices of complaints preferred by the university against Beverley Borough Council.

Mr Roydon Thomas, QC, for the university; Mr Nigel R. B. Macleod, QC and Mr Charles Cross for the council.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the question was whether the council could be required to collect house refuse from halls of residence of a university without making a charge.

Students lived in the halls, occupying study bedrooms for varying period of time. The students had the use of pantries on each floor and a dining room from which meals could be obtained. During the long vacation the halls were used for conferences, and during other vacations the rooms were empty.

It was common ground that if the refuse generated in the halls was not house refuse the council could charge under section 74(2) of the 1936 Act for its collection and there was no suggestion that it was a trade refuse.

Iron Trades Mutual Employers Insurance Association Ltd v Sheffield Corporation ([1974] 1 WLR 107, 111) laid down a double test for house refuse, namely: whether the refuse was produced by a house and whether the refuse was of the kind which it was expected a house to produce while occupied as a house.

It was accepted that the second test was satisfied. The question thus was whether or not the halls could be described as dwelling houses.

Accepting that it was a question of degree and that the paramount object of the occupancy was a material factor, his Lordship adopted the approach in the 1974 case and held that the halls could not be regarded dwelling houses.

The refuse generated from there was not house refuse. The magistrates were right.

Sections 72 to 77 of the 1936 Act had been repealed by section 108 of and Schedule 4 to the Control of Pollution Act 1974, but the relevant parts in Part I of the 1974 Act had not yet come into force. When they did the provisions of the 1936 Act would no longer be applicable since the 1974 Act contained new and different provisions.

Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Robbins Olivey & Blake Lapthorn for Priestman, Green & Co, Hull; Mr Roy Gregory, Beverley.

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RUGBY UNION

Wasps hope to express themselves better in next round of cup

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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Mark Nicholls, the outstanding New Zealand back of the 1920s, is reputed to have said he could not stand two things in life: a nagging wife and a kicking stand-off half. He would not have had much fun at Sudbury on Saturday, nagging wife or no, because Wasps deliberately chose to kick from half-back and Nottingham were frequently left with little other option.

Wasps stripped their game to the bare essentials to win this John Player Special Cup fourth-round tie. At the first scrum they stood up the Nottingham front row and, thereafter, exposed the Midland side's weakness in the tight five to win by three goals, a try and a dropped goal to a try and two penalty goals. Of their four tries, three were scored from five-metre scrums which tells the story of the match.

In the circumstances it was a comfort to hear one of the Wasps, admittedly a back, hope that in the quarter-finals they would get the chance to express themselves better as an all-round side. The draw for the next round will be made today and every surviving club knows that they are unlikely to outscrummage the holders, Bath.

The scrum has long been Nottingham's Achilles' heel. In front-row terms they are a young side and they have been forced by injury to Gray, their Scotland B lock, to play Cook — normally a loose forward — in the second row. Moore did well to hold all his own ball but there was no control and all Wasps had to do was kick their way to a scrum or lineout in the Nottingham 22 — usually deep in the left-hand corner — and play from there.

In the event the pre-match argument, principles apart, between Nottingham and Cambridge University for the services of Oti, the left wing, became irrelevant since he would never have seen the ball.

Nottingham found little joy at the lineout, too. They picked up bits and pieces in the first half, when they led 10-7, but possession dried up almost totally in the second.

Nor did Bonner always have to depend upon Rendall's support at the line; his unassisted jumping was a great asset and he capped an excellent match by claiming Wasps' third try amid a breaking scrum.

It was a sensible enough plan. Wasps, looking at their own tacky pitch — slippery surface, chilling breeze — knew that if mistakes were made in midfield Rees and Thornley were likely to be first to the ball. So they forced the Nottingham back row into bolstering their flagging tight forwards and left Bates and Andrew to run the show. Bates, in particular, enjoyed himself at the heels of his pack: one of his kicks led directly to a score and another should have done.

It would probably have made little difference to the outcome if Hodgkinson had accepted two penalty kicks early in the second half. He had judged a couple of beauties before the interval but did not hit two slightly longer kicks correctly; otherwise he was forced either to clear for another Wasps lineout or desperately to run the ball from deep defence against a side constantly going forward. His midfield had put together a splendidly simple try early on, Hartley looping to give Nelson-Williams the score, but they were given no further opportunity to repeat the exercise.

Rose scored Wasps' first pushover, the second resulted in a penalty try. Bonner took the third and Bailey, who caused trouble for Nottingham several times, the fourth.

That, at least, was fun to watch as Stringer came on a dummy run and Simms ran outside the hesitant defence before sending his wing away. Simms might even have earned Wasps a second penalty try when Jones tackled him very high just short of the line but Colin High, who distributed a minimal number of penalties, chose to award a kick instead.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Rose, Bonner, Bailey, penalty try. Conversions: Andrew (3). Dropped goal: Andrew. Nottingham: Try: Nelson-Williams. Penalties: Hodgkinson(2).

WASPS: N Stringer; R Pellow, P Manhan, K Simms, M Bailey; R Andrew, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rigby; C Pinnegar, J Bonner, D Pegler, M Rose.

NOTTINGHAM: R Byrom; R Nelson-Williams, M Northard, G Hartley, C Jones; S Hodgkinson, R Moore; M Frear, S Moore, J Ward, P Thornley, P Cook, N Mantell, G Rees, S Hughes.

Referee: C High (Manchester).



One under the eight: Probyn under the influence of Ward and Cook (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Midlands' powers grind on

By David Hands

The Midlands are ensured a strong interest in the John Player Cup quarter-final draw. As well as Moseley's success over London Scottish, Coventry beat Liverpool-St Helens and Leicester finally won their long-delayed third-round tie against Rosslyn Park.

Coventry, however, survived a splendid rally by Liverpool before winning 29-22. They led 25-3 at the interval, thanks to tries by Revan, Saunders, Paul Thomas and Robbins, with Fairn converting three times and Rowan dropping a goal. But Coventry could only work Saunders over for a second try after the break, while the visitors were given purpose by four penalties from Simms and some splendid running which led to tries for Sefton and Askew, the second converted by Simms.

Only Hare's third penalty brought Leicester an 18-15 win at Roehampton. There was a try apiece, Jermyn delighting the crowd for Park and the young No. 8, Povoas, crossing for Leicester. Graves kicked Park's goals, Hare landing Leicester's with Cusworth, the captain, dropping the goal which was the difference.

● Gosforth cannot be over-optimistic about the visit from Leicester on February 28 (Michael Stevenson writes). On Saturday they visited Roundhay and, having trailed 10-6 at half-time, scrambled home 13-10, through a snap dropped goal in the second minute of injury time by Johnson.

The meeting of West Hartlepool and Vale of Lune, first and second in merit table C, brought a desperately close match, won 16-15 by Vale, who now head the league and have every chance of ending the season in that position.

Wakefield, in another C table match, lost perhaps surprisingly to Metropolitan Police 22-19, although Adamson was in vintage form for the losers, contributing 15 points.

It seems regularly to be the fate of Morley to play well and lose, but they are not the only club to have felt the weight of Waterloo's authority. Waterloo won 25-15 at Scatcherd Lane, having built up a 25-6 lead.

Headingley, who are playing as attractively as any club in the north, registered their second B table victory in two weeks by beating Bedford away 8-0.

What is said about Bath does not wash

By Gerald Davies

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It would seem that in the perceptions of some observers the kind of rugby Bath play suffers in contrast with the kind of game played in the Northern division. Northern have all the nuances, Bath the bludgeon. Such simplicities make for a clear argument but supply no answers.

Speaking as one who rarely has the opportunity to travel north of the M4 in England, but who has the occasional excuse, privilege even, to see Bath play, I should think that if the divisional side play a better brand of rugby they must play like a dream. Or perhaps I am just lucky when I choose my trips to Bath.

On Saturday there was a good deal of kicking from Barnes and Hill but that was as much part of the contest as the delightful moments we were to see later in the second half from that wonderful midfield trio of Barnes, Halliday and Palmer. Bath won by a goal, three tries and four penalties to a try.

The home side expected a flurry of activity from London Welsh to make amends for their earlier defeat this season as much as to fight to go into the next round of the cup. This the visitors did well in the first half with their scrum resisting Bath's power and Llewelyn and Hall getting some useful return in the lineouts.

Jenkins and Leleu had their moments, too, as the Welsh tried their best to avoid too heavy a commitment; Douglas foraged bravely and Colin Price kept plugging Bath back. Overall, they had the best of the territory. But always there was the feeling that they would soon crack; the armoury which faced them was too much.

Barnes kicked two penalties in the first half, the first of these from a position which had been created after Hill had knocked on in his own half. It might have been crucial but, as it turned out, it was not.

The first try came just after the interval, with the early promise which we had seen of the dazzling trickery of Palmer and Halliday getting their reward. They had created the position, with some help from Egerton, which gave Sagoe his try. A bit of simple arithmetic followed with two more penalties from Barnes before Swift beat his opposite man to get his try after Martin's counterattack.

Hughes managed a try for the Welsh after a lovely three-quarter movement. But it was only a hiccup before Barnes looped smartly around Palmer to score a try. The stand-off half converted. And the two of them, plus Halliday, were involved in the final try with Palmer, as was his right by now, getting the touchdown.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Sagoe, Swift, Barnes, Palmer. Conversions: Barnes (1). Penalties: Barnes (4). London Welsh: Try: Hughes.

BATH: C Martin; A Swift, J Palmer, S Halliday, F Sagoe; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, A Robinson, J Morrison, N Redman, J Hall, D Egerton.

LONDON WELSH: J Price; J Hughes, N Jenkins, G Leleu, S Pitt; C Price, M Douglas; T Jones, B Light, B Bradley, D Keating, G Llewelyn, M Hall, J Evans, M Lewis.

Referee: D W Matthews (Liverpool).

Ringland's selection is in doubt

By George Ace

Trevor Ringland has no more than a 50-50 chance of playing for Ireland against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday because of a suspected torn muscle in his leg. He turned out for Ballymena against Malone on Saturday but left the field midway through the second half.

"I picked up a knock last Sunday when I played for Ballymena against Terenure in Dublin," Ringland said. "It was niggling away all week but didn't seem at all serious. Unfortunately, I aggravated it this afternoon and it became quite painful."

Eddie Coleman, the chairman of selectors, said that Ringland would undergo two daily sessions of treatment in Belfast until the team assemble in Dublin on Thursday. A decision on Ringland's fitness will be made at that time.

Meanwhile, Instonians took a firm grip on the Digital Ulster Senior League by defeating Bangor 15-6 at Uprichard Park on Saturday. The win gives Istonians eight points from four games while Ballymena, with a 35-4 win over injury-riddled Malone, who finished with 12 men, completed their league programme with five wins out of six.

● Ireland B will meet Ireland C at Ravenhill, Belfast, on March 4 at 7.30. The match has been arranged to enable the selectors to complete their plans regarding the 26-man squad for the World Cup later this year. No player on the present international side will be considered.

SHOW JUMPING

Charles's plans are ruined by row

By Jenny MacArthur

Peter Charles, a contender for next year's British Olympic Games team, looks set to lose the ride on April Sun, his top horse, after a bitter disagreement with Cecil Williams, the owner.

Charles, aged 27, said he was "99 per cent certain" he would not be riding April Sun this year. Part of the reason for the dispute, he said, was that Mr Williams decided some months ago to sell April Sun and told Charles he was not trying hard enough to have the horse sold. Charles, who has recently set up Peter Charles Equestrian Enterprises, says he offered Mr Williams £250,000 for the horse, but that was turned down.

Mr Williams acknowledges there is a dispute with Charles, but was not prepared to comment further because a court case is pending.

With April Sun, an outstanding gelding out of a Welsh cob mare by Harvest Sun, Charles has proved one of the few new partnerships in the last four years to present a serious challenge to Britain's regular team of — Nick Skelton, John and Michael Whitaker, and Malcolm Pyrah. This year he had set his sights firmly on the team for the European championship. "I felt that if I could just keep the pressure on those four, if one of them cracked, I'd be there to take their place," he said.

When John Whitaker opted out of the North American tour last autumn, Charles filled his place and his successes with April Sun, his only top-class horse, in New York and Toronto took him to the top of the European League for the Volvo World Cup. Without April Sun all his aspirations, including the final of the World Cup in Paris in April, are reduced to pipe-dreams.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Shields fits into era of change

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

As the most successful woman in the national championships in the last half dozen years, Jane Shields, who regained the title at Bexley on Saturday, did not immediately seem to conform to the pattern of change which was being wrought behind her as three virtual unknowns ran themselves into selection for next month's world championships.

But, despite her two firsts and two seconds in the last four years, Mrs Shields admits that she did not train hard in the winter until she started being coached by Alan Storey just before Christmas. "Now I'm running 85 miles a week and including three quality sessions in that," she said.

Being coached by Storey is no assurance of immediate success, as Sally Ellis, who was second, will testify. The former Miss McDiarmid has been coached by Storey for eight years. And it seemed as if her breakthrough this year would include her in the legions of women who run better after having a child, which she did 10 months ago.

But Mrs Ellis reckons that it is more a loss of weight that she carried even before she became pregnant which explains her success by increasing her power-to-weight ratio.

But Alison Wyeth and Fiona Truman managed third and fourth without any of those advantages, youth being their only obvious impetus. Miss Truman was the biggest surprise of the day. She was only ninth in the intermediate race last year. Not yet 18, she will be one of the youngest internationals for England when she goes to Warsaw for the world championships on March 22. The first six were selected.

RESULTS (5,500 metres): Seniors: 1, J Shields (Sheffield), 21mn 03sec; 2, S Ellis (Worcester), 21.13; 3, A Wyeth (Southampton), 21.25; 4, F Truman (Nottingham), 21.29; 5, C Benning (Southampton), 21.36; 6, C Kahll (Gateshead), 21.42. Team positions: 1, Sale, 84 points; 2, Southampton 112; 3, Aldershot 140. Intermediates (4,000 metres): 1, M Holmes (Liverpool), 16.27; 2, M Newman (Leicester), 16.33; 3, L Howick (Luton), 16.38. Teams 1, Leicester, 47. Juniors (3,500 metres): 1, C Nicholson (Derrington), 12.38; 2, N Ashe (Hounslow), 12.43; 3, J Adkin (Tonbridge), 12.51. Teams, 1, Liverpool 107. Girls (2,000 metres): 1, C Maycock (Rockingham), 11.47; 2, K Foster (Bedford), 11.55; 3, N Pearce (Thurrock), 12.02. Teams, 1, Bedford 54.

Moseley no easy pushover

By Chris Thau

Moseley	31
London Scottish	6

With Murray Jones, their stand-off half and main kicker injured, Moseley had no option but to score tries. And they did so in spirited fashion to subject London Scottish to a painful defeat by seven tries to one goal.

There was hardly any comparison between the fiery Scottish challenge against Harlequins a fortnight earlier as the visitors were mercilessly mauled down by the Moseley bone-crusher.

Moseley can look to the quarter-finals of the John Player Special Cup with confidence. It will take some mighty effort to beat them, especially at The Reddings.

Their traditional forward power was the telling factor on Saturday. Their pushover try was their fifth in the last few months. Each member of their front three scored a try.

After setting the tone of the afternoon with a pushover try by Shillingford, their No. 8, Moseley kept the pressure on and at another scrum on the left, Robert Barr, their excellent flanker, picked up to set a maul. The explosive Linnett drove forward and fed Robson, the scrum half, who tried to unleash his line.

Robson formed a useful partnership with Gareth Smith, a stand-off half whose deft touches and intelligent distribution defied his age — he is only 20 —

Desborough, at centre, instead of passing — which probably would have ended in failure, anyway — charged on to the blind side and, to the disbelief of the Scottish defenders and despite the desperate tackle of Crockett, crashed over to score. Metcalfe failed to convert, as he did with all other six tries.

SCORERS: Moseley: Tries: Shillingford, Desborough, Linnett, Graham Smith, Barr. Conversions: Barber. Penalty: Metcalfe. London Scottish: Try: Kirk. Conversion: Crockett.

MOSELEY: I Metcalfe; J Goodwin, J Desborough, T Exeter, A James; Gareth Smith, S Robson; M Linnett, C Barber, Graham Smith, R Barr, R Tuckwood, A Ricardo, S Masters. P Shillingford.

LONDON SCOTTISH: T Crockett; L Renwick, D Cadzow, D Bruce-Lockhart, T Patterson-Brown; N Chasworth, A Cushing; G Graham, I Kirk, J Reid, I Morrison, J Campbell-Lamerton, I Campbell-Lamerton, D Buchanan, R Wainwright.

Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).

Pride survives but Gloucester succeed

By Peter Dixon

Gloucester	18
Old Reigatians	6

This was the stuff of which anecdotes are made. Old Reigatians, the first old boys' side to reach the fourth round of the John Player Special Cup, against mighty Gloucester in the cauldron of Kingsholm.

Much of the talk before the game centred on how many points Gloucester, three-times winners of the cup, were going to run up against their audacious opponents. Cricket scores seemed to be the vogue, but obviously nobody told the players.

Afterwards, Old Reigatians, players and vociferous supporters, seemed caught between two moods: satisfied they had proved they could mix it with the best, disappointed they had not actually won. This was the one that got away.

In reality, Gloucester never looked like going the same way as Exeter and Saracens — Reigatians' victims in the earlier rounds — and sealed the match by three tries and two penalties to two penalties. That said, Gloucester were pushed all they way, at times literally. By half-time, they led 7-3, courtesy of Breeze's fifth-minute try and a Smith penalty, with Whiteley returning the compliment.

In almost all aspects of the game — the lineout was the exception — the old boys were equal to their opponents. A magnificent performance by the pack provided more ball than the backs would have reasonably expected and with such good service, Brown, at stand-off half, had an excellent game, moving it wide when the opportunity was there or pinning Gloucester back with some fine touch kicks.

For the first 20 minutes of the second half, Reigatians were undoubtedly the better side as Gloucester struggled to find rhythm. But a penalty apiece took the score to 10-3, before Williams, the scrum half, crossed the line for the best try of the match with 15 minutes left.

It was only then that Gloucester seemed to come alive, and two minutes into injury time, Breeze scored their third try, a carbon-copy of the first, as Ashmead, a flanker, stood off from the scrum to create an overlap in the corner.

On Saturday, more than 1,000 supporters turned up at Kingsholm to cheer on Old Reigatians. At next week's match — against Old Surbitonians — they can probably expect one man and his dog.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Breeze (2), Williams. Penalties: Smith (2). Old Reigatians: Penalties: Whiteley (2).

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; J Breeze, P Taylor, R McLean, R Mogg; M Hamlin, R Williams; M Preedy (captain), K Dorn, R Pascall, J Brain, J Etheridge, J Gadd, P Ashmead, J Bennett.

OLD REIGATIANS: A Whiteley; S Lent, P Dwyer, J Bramhall, S Pilgrim; N Brown, G Reid; S Kennedy, D Payton (captain), J Payton, A Eustance, D Ewings, T Maciver, N Jones, J Manfield.

Referee: D J Hudson (Manchester Society).

Quins perish on the lay-by

By Michael Stevenson

Orrell	12
Harlequins	10

In 1974 Harlequins were drawn against Orrell in the National Knock-out Cup and in answer to the question "Where on earth is Orrell?" the questioner received the elegant reply that it was "A lay-by on the M6." The words, encapsulating rugby's anomalies of class and geography, have passed into the folklore of the game.

Harlequins lost on that occasion and they lost their fourth-round John Player tie on Saturday, scoring a try and two penalties to Orrell's four penalties; although the Quins were unlucky to lose, Orrell had a distinct edge territorially.

The visitors, keeping the ball alive whenever possible through lightning-quick transference, precise alignment and excellent backing up, contributed a brand of rugby that, apart from the North, Yorkshire and half a dozen clubs, is seen all too seldom in England.

Orrell's best movements, apart from some clever interpassing among the forwards and their use of the rolling maul, seemed less predictable.

Orrell led 9-6 at the interval through three penalties from Gary Williams to two by Mark Fletcher and Quins had had slightly the better of the argument. A daring basketball-style pass to the speedy Davies by Smith had hinted at the selectors' logic in preferring him to the talented Carling.

There was ample proof to support them in the second half. Gary Williams's fourth penalty put Orrell six points ahead but immediately Salmon's beautifully timed pass put Smith away and it was his searing break that set up the game's only try, scored wide out on the right by Hunter. Its conversion would have carried Quins into the quarter-finals but the kick went astray.

SCORERS: Orrell: Penalties: G Williams (4). Harlequins: Try: Hunter. Penalties: Fletcher (2).

ORRELL: S Langford; P Heath, J Carleton, F Clough, I Wilkinson; P Williams, G Williams; K Fletcher, N Hitchen, J Webster, R Kimmins, D Cusani, D Cleary, P Buckton, B Lundy.

HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; S Hunter, J Salmon, C Smith, E Davies; M Fletcher, D Loveridge; J Kingston, J Olver, M Hobley, P Ashworth, N O'Brien, M Skinner, D Cooke, D Thresher.

Referee: L Prideaux (Cornwall).

Bristol turn the tables

By Nicholas Keith

Richmond	3
Bristol	18

For the committed, this was not the greatest of matches, as Bristol reached the quarter-finals of the John Player Special Cup without playing particularly well. For the neutral, however, there were points of interest in unravelling the mess which grips English rugby.

It could be argued that Richmond did not let Bristol produce their best at the Athletic Ground, but as Derek Wyatt, the Richmond coach, pointed out, there is a "huge gulf between the A and B tables".

He said: "We are third in the B table, where we can hold our own — indeed, I thought our forwards outplayed Bristol, but our backs let us down. Now there are no B teams left in the cup."

This was a game of set pieces. There were 33 lineouts and 23 scrummages from which one side gained some possession. The lineouts were won by Richmond, 18-15, but they lost the scrummages 10-13, despite three heels against the Bristol head to prove that they are no longer a soft touch. So 75 per cent of the game was static, and when the backs received the ball they were too often stationary or under intense pressure. Another English failing.

So Richmond never threatened their opponents' line, and Bristol's strength told in the end; Jon Webb, a potential England full back, had a quiet day and the outstanding player on the field was a flanker, Andy Dun, who scored two tries.

Bristol spent 35 minutes of the first half on the attack, and led only 6-3 at half-time, comprising a try from short range by the disappointing Harding, converted by Webb, against a penalty by the equally out-of-form Simon Smith.

In the second half, Duggan was furious to be refused a try. Then Dun crossed from a lineout after a good move down the right by Webb, Knibbs and Duggan, to score; and he was put over by Eves after Pomphrey stole a lineout from Richmond. Webb converted both tries.

As petty violence prevailed towards the end, Woodman was warned by Mason, the replacement referee, after the referee, Griffiths, had sustained a hamstring injury. Richmond showed resolution to hold off Bristol at two five-metre scrummages.

SCORERS: Richmond: Penalty: Smith. Bristol: Tries: Dun (2), Harding. Conversions: Webb (3).

RICHMOND: A Hampel (capt); S Pennock, R Holman, M Drane, S Allum; S Smith, J Cullen; C Mills, T Martineau, J Thorn, D Sole, M Stagter, S Attfield, D Kennington, C Vyvyan.

BRISTOL: J Webb; H Duggan, R Knibbs, J Watson, D Woodman; G Thomas, R Harding; M Hunt, K Bogira, D Hickey, A Dun, N Pomphrey (capt), M Skuse, D Eves, P Collings.

Referee: S Griffiths (North Midlands); rep: A Mason (London)).

Kelso force the issue at the top

By Ian McLauchlan

Kelso took a decisive step in their bid for the McEwan's National League championship when they beat Watsonians, one of their main first division challengers, 28-15 at Myreside. Kelso and Hawick have both won nine of 10 League matches, with the latter holding a superior points difference.

Gavin Hastings scored all of Watsonians' points, with two tries, two conversions and a penalty, but he carelessly gave as many points away. Kelso scored two tries through Tait, one from Thomson, and a penalty try that was given at a push-over.

A superb try by Oliver, the Hawick scrum half, saw his side through against Stewart's/Melville FP, 16-13, to stay top of the league. Oliver picked up on his 22-metres line for the winning score late in the game.

At the other end of the table, Jed-Forest lost 6-4 to Glasgow Academicals and remain at the bottom of the table, and Gala's woes continue as they fell to 13-4 to Boroughmuir.

● Finlay Calder and Scott Hastings, two internationals who missed club games on Saturday with influenza and an allergy respectively, were declared fit after yesterday's Scotland squad session at Murrayfield.

The only change in the squad to face Ireland is on the replacements' bench, where Alex Brewster, the Stewart's-Melville captain, is still unfit from a calf injury and is replaced at prop by Norrie Rowan, of Boroughmuir.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
(Third Round)

Rosslyn Park	15	Leicester	18

(Fourth Round)

Bath	30	London Welsh	4
Coventry	29	Lpool St H	22
Gloucester	18	Old Reigatians	6
Moseley	31	London Scottish	6
Orrell	12	Harlequins	10
Richmond	3	Bristol	18
Wasps	25	Nottingham	10

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B

Bedford	0	Headingley	8
Saracens	45	Blackheath	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waterloo	7	7	0	0	184	68	100
N'thampton	5	4	0	1	109	49	80
Richmond	10	7	0	3	165	169	70
L'pool St H	5	3	0	2	76	55	60
Saracens	6	3	0	3	88	86	50
Lon Welsh	6	3	0	3	69	85	50
Bedford	7	3	0	4	82	74	42.85
Gosforth	5	2	0	3	76	53	40
Rosslyn Pk	6	3	0	5	94	125	37.50
Headingley	4	1	0	3	37	52	25
Blackheath	5	1	0	4	42	117	20
Lon Irish	8	1	0	7	61	127	12.50

CLUB MATCHES

Abertillery	21	Nuneaton	3
Birmingham	10	Cross Keys	11
Bridgend	28	Aberavon	6
Cambridge U	13	Fylde	42
Cardiff	44	Sale	14
Exeter	3	Newbridge	17
Llanelli	31	Pontypool	13
Manchester	12	Rugby	19
Morley	15	Waterloo	25
Neath	19	Swansea	13
Newport	34	Northampton	18
Penarth	3	S Wales Police	33
Rosslyn	10	Gosforth	3
Sheffield	3	Broughton Park	18
Tredegar	16	Plymouth	18
Wakefield	19	Met Police	22
W Hartlepool	15	Vale of Lune	16
Weston-s-Mare	13	Glamorgan W	28

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Boroughmuir	13	Gala	4
Glasgow Acads	6	Jed-Forest	4
Hawick	16	Stewart's-Mel FP	13
Selkirk	16	Heriot's FP	6
Watsonians	15	Kelso	28
W of Scotland	29	Edinburgh A	7

Postponed: Ayr v Melrose.

DIGITAL ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: First section: Bangor 8, Instonians 15; Collegians 13, Ards 19; Malone 4, Ballymena 35. Second section: City of Derry 18, Portadown 15.

IRISH: Club games: Dungannon 8, Greystones 12; CIYMS 32, Omagh 19. Colours match: University College Dublin 25, Queen's University 7.

TANDEM COMPUTERS SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Havant 9, Sidcup 7; Sutton and Epsom 0, Askeans 18.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Newbury 20, Bournemouth 18.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree 66, Lakenham Hewett 0; Bury 6, Rochford Hundred 6; Maldon 21, Wymondham 3; Mayfield Old Boys 19, Rayleigh Wyverns 7; Newmarket 0, Old Edwardians (Romford) 13; South Woodham Ferrers 34, Felixstowe 6.

BBC RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Bromley 20, Tonbridge 10; Dover 23, Canterbury 4; Gillingham Anchorians 10, Medway 22; Gravesend 19, Old Beccehamians 4; Old Shootershillians 10, Old Elthamians 9; Sheppey 7, Old Williamsonians 4; Snowdown CW 22, Old Gravesendians 6.

HAMPSHIRE MERIT TABLE: Heathens 3, Petersfield 20.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Old Kingsburians 7, Centaurs 9.

TRUMAN OLD BOYS MERIT TABLE: Old Abbotstonians 14, Orleans FP 4; Old Dunstonians 3, Old Merchant Taylors' 13; Old Haberdashers 4, Old Alleynians 7; Old Reedonians 13, Old Emanuel 10; Old Whitgiftians 4, KCS Old Boys 43.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Alton 14, Portsmouth 27; Ashford Extras 0, Sittingbourne 23; Aylesbury 3, High Wycombe 25; Bacavians 30, Hatchet 16; Bank of England 10, HAC 8; Bedford Athletic 18, Colchester 9; Belsize Park 7, Hayes 0; Bettesthanger 4, Folkestone 0; Brentwood 0, Barking 17; Brighton 34, Shirley Wanderers 16; Camberley 18, Lewes 16; Campion 40, London Irish XV 0; Chichester 4, Worthing 18; Cranleigh 6, Farnham 0; Dartfordians 17, Old Walcountians 0; Deal 18, STC Footscray 0; Dittons 16, Chobham 0; Ealing 18, Salisbury 0; Edenbridge 10, Orpington 17; Esher 10, Bridgwater and Albion 11; Haringey 13, Roxeth Manor Old Boys 0; Hammersmith and Fulham 9, Harrodians 19; Havant, Dolphins 8, Swanage and Wareham 28; Hemel Hempstead 10, Mill Hill 27; Herdon 6, Leighton Buzzard 28; Henley 8, Wimborne 10; Ipswich 13, Cambridge 9; Letchworth 16, Luton 0; Lloyds Bank 13, Law Society 7; Maidstone 28, Westcombe Park 0; Marlow 47, Windsor 4; Old Albanians 13, Old Gaytonians 0; Old Brocktonians 32, Thanet Wanderers 0; Old Cooperians 3, Old Actonians 6; Old Cranleighans 10, Old Millhillians 6; Old Elizabethans (Barnet) 12, Barnet 3; Old Freemens 7, Lansbury 9; Old Griffins 12, Eton Manor 28; Old Haileyburians 18, Effingham 25; Old Hamptonians 17, Wimbledon 3; Old Isleworthians 7, Kingston 3; Old Paulines 10, Barclays Bank 10; Old Tiffinians 6, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 15; Old Verulamians 13, Ruislip 21; Old Wandsworthians 6, Bec Old Boys 6; Old Wimbledonians 22, Old Surbitonians 7; Old Windsorians 12, Old Guildfordians 28; Park House 0, Mitcham 6; Peterborough 14, London NZ 3; Purley 9, Old Colfeians 19; Raynes Park 42, Old Caterhamians 3; Redingensians 27, Uxbridge 6; Reigate 4, Eastbourne 42; Richmond Normans 20, Aldermaston 6; Slough 15, Grasshoppers 16; Standard Bank 14, Old Brightonians 14; Stockwood Park 0, Southend 4; Stroud 43, US Portsmouth 7; Sudbury 43, Bishop's Stortford 4; Tabard 16, Chiltern 6; Thames Sports 7, Greenwich 27; Thurrock 10, Wanstead 0; Trojans 26, Staines 0; Tunbridge Wells 36, Haywards Heath 3; Twickenham 22, Eastleigh 8; University Vandals 15, Dorking 20; Upminster 31, Witham 8; Upper Clapton 3, Chingford 0; Waringham 0, Basingstoke 17; Welwyn 30, Stevenage 0; Winchester 0, Bognor 34; Woodford 7, Clifton 8.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Camp Hill 11, Bromsgrove 7; Hereford 12, Kidderminster 13.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Bletchley 38, Northamptonians 10.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Stafford 16, Hinckley 6; Walsall 3, Lichfield 6.

MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Handsworth 30, Veseyans 0; King's Norton 14, Old Yardleians 11.

WYVERN MERIT TABLE: Warley 24, Bournville 13.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Birmingham United 10, Aston University 11; Burton 7, Newbold 10; Evesham 0, Cheltenham North 3; Kenilworth 4, Derby 16; Keresley 54, Long Eaton 0; Kettering 8, Dudley Kingswinford 16; Loughborough 21, South Leicester 3; Scunthorpe 18, Chesterfield 10; Stamford 12, Norwich 15; Stoneygate 6, Towcestrians 3; Stourbridge 34, Chester 0; Sutton Coldfield 35, Shrewsbury 19; Tamworth 28, Syston 4; Westleigh 11, Stoke 7; Wolverhampton 10, Worcester 17.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Wigan 16, Davenport 40; Widnes 29, Mid Cheshire College 9. Second division: Nethermall 15, Caldy 9; Sandbach 8, Carlisle 14.

YORKSHIRE SHIELD: Semi-finals: Hemsworth 16, Wheatley Hills 6; West Park Bramhope 20, Acklam 9.

NORTH: Club matches: Baildon 6, Bramley 10; Barnsley 11, Wath 13; Bradford Salem 13, Ionians 7; Castleford 28, Coventry Ex 20; Doncaster 13, York 6; Driffield 13, Malton and Norton 0; Halifax Vandals 3, Roundhegians 10; Heaton Moor 3, Lymm 49; Hessle 12, Hutlemsans 19; Kendal 4, Wilmington Park 25; Leigh 12, Oldham 0; Leodiensians 6, Sheffield Tigers 7; Luttenborough 12, Cleckheaton 0; Northallerton 16, Ilkley 15; Old Brodleians 16, Mowden Park 19; Old Rishworthians 5, Knottingley 18; Ormskirk 4, Blackburn 6; Pocklington 18, Lincoln 15; Ripon 15, Aspatria 12; Rochdale 8, Tyldesley 6; Roddlians 7, Goole 6; Scarborough 9, Beverley 20; Scunthorpe 18, Chesterfield 10; Thornensians 20, Southwell 6; Warrington 11, De La Salle 12; Wharfedale 0, Keighley 6; Yarnbury 16, Manst 3; York RI 3, Pontefract 17.

BASS MERIT TABLE: St Ives 15, Devonport Services 3; Taunton 27, Tiverton 12.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Redruth 15, Penzance-Newlyn 15.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Bideford 13, Crediton 0; Exmouth 3, Okehampton 9; Teignmouth 13, Paignton 11.

WEST: Club matches: Brixham 23, Barnstaple 12; Camborne 16, Torquay Athletic 9; Falmouth 9, Sidmouth 27; Penryn 11, Exeter United 11; Truro 39, Newton Abbot 3.

JUDO

Women miss the gold

It has been so customary for the British women's judo squad to return from international competitions having won a variety of gold medals. To report the failure to win one at the French Open in Strasbourg on Saturday is to suggest that they took something of a hammering (Nicolas Soames writes).

In the very first fight of the tournament Karen Briggs, the triple world bantam-weight champion, badly misjudged a counter-attack on Fabienne Boffin of France and paid the penalty. Boffin put her very firmly on her side. "It is good to get beaten now and again." Briggs said philosophically. She went on to win a bronze.

RESULTS: Bantamweight (under 48 kg): C Nowak (Fr), gold. K Briggs (GB), bronze. Featherweight (under 52 kg): D Brun (Fr), gold. S Rendle (GB), bronze. Lightweight (under 56 kg): C Arnaud (Fr), gold. L Doyle (GB), fifth. Light-middleweight (under 61 kg): M Rotter (Fr), gold. D Bell (GB), silver. Middleweight (under 66 kg): K Kruger (WG), gold. D Netherwood (GB), bronze. Light-heavyweight (under 72 kg): I Berghmans (Bel), gold. Heavyweight (over 72 kg): R Sigmund (WG), gold.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division (7.0): Blackpool v Rotherham; Grimsby v Preston.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Horwich v Workington.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Walthamstow v Croydon. Second division north: Vauxhall Motors v Rainham (7.45).

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Southend United v Barking.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round second replay: Hayes v Hounslow.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Chelmsford v Collier Row.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Chelsea v Arsenal (7.0).

UNDER-17 YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: England v Denmark (at Maine Road).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Newbridge v Maesteg (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: National Sporting Club, London.

SNOOKER: Dulux British open (at Assembly Rooms, Derby).

MOTOR RALLYING

Salonen makes history to win in Sweden

The ex-world champion, Timo Salonen, won the Swedish Rally in his Mazda 323 Turbo — a historic first win of its kind for a Japanese four-wheel drive (writes David Duffield).

In what was one of the closest Swedish Rallies in years, consistent snowfall on the first leg of the two day 750-mile event gave local Mikael Ericsson, off eighth, the lead through the forests of Viarmland at the end of day one.

Day two and Ericsson was harried by a relentless Salonen, who came from third to close a 37 second gap, snatching first by a mere 23 seconds, making the tally one all to Lancia and Mazda. Round three, Portugal.

RESULTS: 1, T Salonen (Mazda 323 4WD), 4hr 11min 00sec; 2, M Ericsson (Lancia Delta HF 4WD), at 23sec; 3, Juha Kankkunen (Lancia

RACING: SCUDAMORE'S NOVICE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE HIS STAMINA TELL

Gold Cup doubt after Wayward Lad defeat

Wayward Lad's participation in the Cheltenham Gold Cup is in doubt following his well-beaten fourth to Peaty Sandy at Ayr on Saturday.

Mrs Monica Dickinson, his trainer, said after the race: "The ground was horrible and Wayward Lad was never moving right on it. He has not had any problems on his way to this race and we may give him another run before making any further decisions."

Last season Wayward Lad ran a magnificent race at Cheltenham where he was beaten a length by Dawn Run but he has yet to show his form this season.

Graham Bradley, Mrs Dickinson's stable jockey, elected to go to Catterick where he rode By The Way to victory in the Catterick Grand National Trial.

Mrs Christine Feather, the owner of By The Way, favours the Cheltenham race over the Grand National, for which he is also entered. She said: "I do not like the National and providing the ground was right for By The Way, I would much rather run him in the Cheltenham Gold Cup."

Bird Of Spirit can show further improvement over longer trip

By Mandarin

Bird Of Spirit should be well suited by the 2¾ miles of the Kingston Novices' Chase at Nottingham today and is napped to gain his second success of the season.

The seven-year-old, a half-brother to that talented staying chaser, Fred Pilliner, has done all his racing this racing this season between two and 2½ miles and although he has generally acquitted himself well he has given the impression that a longer trip would be in his favour.

He won over two miles at Leicester last November but probably his best effort was on the same course the following month when he finished a 2½-length second to Kittinger, who was receiving 8lb. Kittinger has since gone on to win decisively at Chepstow so that form looks even more impressive now than at the time.

Bird Of Spirit's fellow topweight, Ace Of Spies, ran disappointingly last time and I am more afraid of the chasing newcomer, Tickite Boo. Trained last seaon by David Nicholson but now with Jimmy Fitzgerald, Tickite Boo showed plenty of ability over hurdles, winning three novices' events. If he takes to fencing he will surely have a future over the larger obstacles.

Nottingham inspect

There will be an inspection at 9.00am today at Nottingham to determine whether racing can go ahead. The clerk of the course, David Henson, said: "We don't envisage any problems but a frost has been forecast and we will therefore hold a precautionary inspection."

Mercy Rimell has her string in good fettle and Monrita can fulfil his early promise in divison one of the Charnwood Novices' Hurdle. His best performance was probably his first, when third to Smith's Man at Uttoxeter last November, although he has shown ability in two subsequent outings.

The 2½-mile trip may have been beyond him when unplaced at Cheltenham last time but I expect him to be a more potent force over this shorter distance. Eastshaw showed enough on his only run to indicate he can win a race but he has not been seen since November and comes from a stable which has yet to recapture its best form.

Chuck Spares, the trainer, makes no secret of his high regard for Barwar and the nine-year-old may be the answer to the Bradmore Handicap Hurdle. Barwar won over this course and distance last month and ran better than his final placing suggests in a highly-competitive at Sandown next time. Back in this less exalted company he can take advantage of the weight he receives from the likely danger, Fort Rupert.

At Plumpton, Sitar Theme, third in a good-class race at Lingfield last time, can gain his second course and distance win in division one of the Sheffield Park Novices' Hurdle. He won here last December, beating Canuck Clown by five lengths, and despite Canuck Clown being 6lb better off now Sitar Theme may have sufficient scope for improvement to confirm the placings.

The second division could go to Liberty Square. Oliver Sherwood's charge has shown traces of ability, notably when sixth to Fourth Tudor at Nottingham last month, and he will not have improve substantially on that run to be in with a leading chance here.

Golden Minstrel attempts to win his fifth race of the season, and his third in succession, in the Hassocks Handicap Chase but he may find the concession of 19lb to Debt Follower too great a task.

● The in-form David Naylor-Leyland has a good chance of winning the Dingley Dell Hunters' Chase at Nottingham today on Beamwam, successful in four similar events last season (Brian Beel writes).

Eliogarty looks to have too much weight at Plumpton in the Flyaway Challenge Cup and a better value bet could be Logan, the winner of four point-to-points last season.



The Mighty Boco, ridden by Nigel Ridout, takes a winning lead at the final fence in *The Times* qualifier at the Oxford Draghounds on Saturday. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 BIRD OF SPIRIT (nap).
2.00 Monrita.
2.30 Aldro.
3.00 Thorn Pirate.
3.30 Observe.
4.00 Barwar.

By Michael Seel

2.00 ROCKMARTIN (nap). 3.00 Diaconus.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 ROCKMARTIN.

Going: good (9am inspection)

1.30 KINGSTON NOVICE CHASE (£2,976: 2m 5f) (14 runners)

1	2-2321P	ACE OF SPIES (CD) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 6-11-12	J Bryan	95	5-1
2	0-01223	BIRD OF SPIRIT (E Prail) M Scudamore 7-11-12	P Scudamore	90	4-1
7		CARRIGEEN CASTLE (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 7-11-5	T Pinfield (7)	—	25-1
12	000/002	HIMALAYA (G Hartigan) G Hartigan 6-11-5	C Brown	92	12-1
15	F3030U	KINGSWICK (Silux Lik Ltd) J Francome 7-11-5	S Sherwood	● 99	14-1
17	P-P	MILTON PARK (Mrs J Wilson) J Blundell 7-11-5	M Brennan	—	33-1
19	004P3-P	PRECIPICE ROAD (V Boothe) K Morgan 8-11-5	K Ryan (7)	—	25-1
20	404P-03	PROVERITY (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 5-11-5	T Morgan	—	14-1
21	443/3-2F	QUIET FALL (Mrs M Williams) J Glover 5-11-5	S Johnson	80	3-1
24	D-P40F0	SUDBROOKE PARK (C Hague) B Richmond 9-11-5	G McCourt	76	20-1
25	3/111310-	TICKITE BOO (B) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-5	M Dwyer	—	F5-2
26	0/20-3U0	VIVAQUE (R Baker) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-5	B de Haan	86	9-1
31	4P12U/P	SOUND OF LAUGHTER (Mrs B Burgess) J Blundell 9-11-0	A J Dunn (7)	—	25-1
32	0P/00F0	TROPWEN WINBOURNE (R Pritchard) Mrs J Evans 7-11-0	—	—	33-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – SNOW AND FROST

FORM ACE OF SPIES latest pulled up earlier (11-2) won 8l from Ishkomann (11-8) at Nottingham (2m 6f, £2785, good to firm, Dec 5, 8 ran). BIRD OF SPIRIT (11-7) 3rd, lost touch close home, beaten 28l to Dunlurk (11-7) at Lingfield (2m 4f, £2344, good to soft, Feb 5, 13 ran). HIMALAYA (10-3) could never trouble the easy winner Gee-A (11-9) beaten 15l at Huntingdon (2m 5f, £142, good to soft, Dec 26, 11 ran). KINGSWICK latest was in 2nd place when he lost his rider 2 from home. Earlier (10-10) 5th beaten 22½l to Chipped Metal (11-5) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £3516, good, Dec 27, 13 ran). PROVERITY (11-0) 3rd, never a factor, beaten over 30l to Trouvere (10-10) at Hereford (2m, £1677, heavy, Dec 18, 11 ran). QUITE FALL latest fell 16th when going well, earlier (11-10) 2nd, ran on close home, beaten 8l to the useful Rhoecus (11-10) at Market Rasen (2m, £1735, soft, Jan 7, 9 ran) TICKITE BOO useful hurdler who makes his chasing debut. VIVAQUE (10-13) 5th beaten 35l to easy winner Devner (11-3) at Sandown (3m 118yd, £3345, good, Feb 6, 11 ran).
Selection: VIVAQUE

2.0 CHARNWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,331: 2m) (runners)

1	2PP-	ANA WASSLAAWI (Mrs P Sheen) M Wilkinson 5-11-1	—	98	14-1
5	0	CANFORD PALM (Mrs M Cobham) F Winter 5-11-1	P Scudamore	85	9-2
11	2	EASTSHAW (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-11-1	N Davies	83	7-2
15		KEEP TAPPING (D Adams) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-1	Jacqui Oliver (7)	—	10-1
16	0	LEISURETIME SMILE (S Freeman) J Edwards 5-11-1	T Morgan	—	14-1
19	0	LUCKY RECORD (H Pickering) J Leigh 5-11-1	P Blackburn	70	25-1
21	0	MASTER OF LYRIC (Mrs A Halewood) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-1	M Dwyer	—	6-1
22	000	MONRITA (Mrs M Curbs) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-1	S Morshead	92	16-1
28	0	ROBINCROWN (J Perris) P Harris 5-11-1	R Strange	—	16-1
29	2	ROCKMARTIN (M D M Racing Ltd) C Thornton 5-11-1	D Wilkinson	● 99	F5-2
30		ROYAL GOSSIP (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 5-11-1	—	—	20-1
32		SIZEHILL (J Morris) D Nicholson 5-11-1	R Dunwoody	—	8-1
35	00	VALIANT PILGRIM (Gen Sir C Blacker) J Webber 7-11-1	G Mernagh	—	20-1
38		GREY LEGACY (Mrs J Hodgkinson) M Wilkinson 6-10-10	S Sherwood	—	25-1
40		PEGGY CAROLYN (A O'Reilly) M Ryan 5-10-10	G McCourt	—	12-1
41		RUN ASHORE (Mrs S Potter) Mrs S Davenport 6-10-10	P Warner	—	25-1
42		STAR ROUTE (Miss P Hall) Miss P Hall 6-10-10	S Johnson	—	25-1
44	00	TIP-TAP (J Wilberforce) J Pearce 5-10-10	J McLaughlin	—	25-1
47		HOUNDSTOOTH (Miss C Mackay) C Trettine 4-10-7	J Bryan	—	25-1
49	0	POLECROFT (C Cory) W Perrin 4-10-7	K Burke (4)	—	25-1
51		RED BREEZE (Royston Racing Club Ltd) A Jarvis 4-10-7	T Jarvis	—	20-1
55	0	SOHAIL (E Gittins) C Holmes 4-10-7	NON-RUNNER	—	—
58		TOUKSHAD (F Fern) J Mackie 4-10-7	M Bosley (4)	—	25-1
57	0	VERNEER (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 4-10-7	R Linley	—	20-1
62	P	SECRET STOLEN (B Lay) B Lay 4-10-2	Mr L Lay (7)	—	33-1

FORM CANFORD PALM (11-0) 5th, made up ground close home, beaten 13½l to the useful Robin Goodfellow (11-0) at Newbury (2m, £2059, good, Nov 5, 21 ran). EASTSHAW (11-0) 2nd beaten 2l to High Viscosity (10-10) at Devon (2m 1f, £744, soft, Nov 11, 18 ran). LUCKY RECORD (11-0) 6th, never a factor, beaten 28½l to Rapier Thrust (11-10) at Market Rasen (2m, £1108, soft, Jan 7, 11 ran). MASTER OF LYRIC recently changed stables (10-7) 8th to Sip Of Orange (10-9) at Wetherby (2m, £1266, good, Oct 31, 12 ran). ROCKMARTIN (11-0) 2nd beaten 8l to the useful High Plains (11-7) with useful winners down the field, at Wetherby (2m, £2101, good to soft, Dec 26, 17 ran).
Selection: ROCKMARTIN

2.30 GOTHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,418: 2m) (9 runners)

1	0P-2032	KEVINSFORT (D,BF) (Mrs R Hagge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-12	M Dwyer	● 99	F5-2
2	11FF42	LONG ENGAGEMENT (D) (G Mordaunt) D Nicholson 6-11-7	R Dunwoody	85	5-1
3	21134P	JUST ALICK (D) (S Childs) M H Easterby 8-11-6	L Wyer	92	12-1
5	20P-231	ROSTRA (CD) (Mrs D Plunkett) R Armytage 8-11-3	Mr M Armytage (4)	97	4-1
6	2-02133	ALDRO (D) (P Riley) W Clay 11-11-2	P Dever	98	4-1
7	32-3U02	LANDING BOARD (CD) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-10-11	R Strange	96	7-1
8	030300	PAN ARCTIC (D) (Mrs R Bell) T Bill 8-10-7	H Davies	97	25-1
9	300212	COLE PORTER (M Banks) M Banks 12-10-5	G McCourt	95	10-1
11	00P-30F	ROYAL MERE (D) (Sir J Hanmer) Mrs M Rimell 10-10-0	J Bryan	98	20-1

FORM KEVINSPORT (11-7) 2nd, failed to quicken, beaten 2l to Price Of Peace (9-12), a winner again, at Market Rasen (2m, £1728, soft, Dec 26, 6 ran). LONG ENGAGEMENT (11-4) 2nd beaten 30l to the useful Dan The Miller (11-11) at Doncaster (2m, £5961, good, Dec 13, 4 ran). ROSTRA (11-3) won well 8l from Price Of Peace (11-0) at Nottingham (2m, £1866, good, Jan 27, 3 ran). ALDRO (10-1) 3rd, lost touch close home, beaten 5l to Carved Opal (10-8) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £4488, good, Dec 26, 5 ran). LANDING BOARD (11-7) 2nd, one-paced, beaten 8l to Gee-A (11-12) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £2190, good to soft, Jan 29, 9 ran). COLE PORTER (10-7) 2nd, could never get on terms, beaten 5l to Turkana (10-2) at Towcester (2m, £2085, good to soft, Feb 5, 8 ran). ROYAL MERE (10-10) 7th, lost touch close home, beaten over 21l to A Boy Named Sioux (10-10) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £2166, good, Jan 28, 10 ran).
Selection: KEVINSFORT

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103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.0 CHARNWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,473: 2m) (25 runners)

7		CHARLEY CHUCKLES (M Dorey) O Sherwood 5-11-1	S Sherwood	—	7-1
10	4P-F	DETROIT SAM (A Sotoriou) D Arbuthnot 5-11-1	H Davies	89	12-1
11	02	DIACONUS (Nat Pig Dev Co Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-1	S Morshead	97	7-2
13	40/04-32	FIRE BAY (BF) (F Morrad) W Musson 6-11-1	D Dutton	92	12-1
14	22	FLEURCONE (R Wynn) K White 5-11-1	P Warner	● 99	9-2
15	0400-	FRED THE TREAD (G Greenwood) T Casey 5-11-1	E Buckley (4)	88	14-1
22	P00	MELTING POT (M Blagojevic) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-1	J Duggan	—	20-1
24		OUT ON BAIL (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 7-11-1	D Murphy	—	25-1
26		ROMAN IMAGE (Mrs B Gallard) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-1	B de Haan	—	10-1
30		SALLOOM (M Clemence) P Burgoyne 5-11-1	S Keightley	—	33-1
32	00-0	SHOOT TO WIN (B) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 6-11-1	G Landau (4)	—	25-1
33	0	SPRINGHOLM (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-1	R Dunwoody	—	16-1
35	02	THORN PIRATE (BF) (N Gardiner) F Winter 5-11-1	P Scudamore	93	F5-2
36		TOYTOWN (Mrs P Ransom) P Ransom 6-11-1	B Powell	—	25-1
39	00-	VULNERABLE (Mrs S Freeman) J Edwards 6-11-1	T Morgan	—	16-1
42		DON'T BE SILLY (G Ennor) Mrs C Clark 6-10-10	P A Farrell (4)	—	25-1
43		DUSTY CHIMES (H Reynolds) Mrs I McKie 5-10-10	G Mernagh	—	25-1
44	0	KINCSES (D Samuel) N Henderson 6-10-10	S Smith Eccles	—	8-1
45	P	PASSAGE TO FREEDOM (Meteor Freight Ltd) D McCain 5-10-10	—	—	25-1
48	00	ALDINGTON BELL (C Wheatley) C Tinsdale 4-10-7	J Bryan	—	20-1
52		CASHEW KING (P Moss) B McMahon 4-10-7	—	—	25-1
53	004	COUTURE COLOR (Couture Marketing Ltd) J Mackie 4-10-7	M Bosley (4)	74	25-1
55		GREAT GANDER (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 4-10-7	R Linley	—	25-1
56	4000	JUSTTHEWAYYOUARE (B) (T Lang) A Bailey 4-10-7	A Carroll	—	25-1
58	FP	PETE MARSH (B Wade) J Harris 4-10-7	J A Harris	—	25-1

FORM DIACONUS (11-0) 2nd beaten 5l to the useful Raper Thrust (11-10) at Market Rasen (2m, £1106, soft, Jan 7, 11 ran). FIRE BAY (10-12) 2nd, failed to quicken close home, beaten 1l to Mulroy Bay (10-0) at Stratford (2m, £793, good to soft, Dec 29, 10 ran). FLEURCONE (11-0) 2nd, caught close home, beaten 4l to Ruby Flight (10-12) at Worcester (2m, £1158, soft, Dec 17, 20 ran). ROMAN IMAGE (10-9) 19th, never a factor, behind Redmanley (10-9) at Doncaster (2m flat, £825, good, Dec 13, 18 ran). ROYAL CRACKER (11-0) 2nd came up against the useful Christian Schad (11-0) beaten 7l at Worcester (2m, £1004, heavy, Dec 30, 7 ran). THORN PIRATE (11-3) 2nd, ran on well, beaten 1½l to Canzassum (11-3) at Leicester (2m, £905, soft, Jan 26, 15 ran). KINCSES (11-2) 8th always behind beaten 45l to Mister Point (11-7) at Sandown (2m, £5282, good to soft, Jan 10, 9 ran).
Selection: DIACONUS

3.30 DINGLEY DELL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

1	413111-	BEAMWAM (CD) (D Naylor-Leyland) O Sherwood 9-12-0	D Naylor-Leyland (4)	90	3-1
3	40/P3-	CLASSIC TOUCH (J Dean) J Dean 8-12-0	—	50	25-1
5	00/312-2	EASY FELLA (W Barnett) W Barnett 13-12-0	R Mann (4)	80	9-1
7	0P80/04-	JASSIM (S Wanless) S Wanless 9-12-0	S Wanless (7)	50	25-1
9	00334-2	OBSERVE (D,BF) (R E A Bott Ltd) F Winter 11-12-0	C Brooks (4)	● 99	F5-4
11	0FFPP2-	TEN CHERRIES (CD) (M Bell) Mrs M Rimell 12-12-0	M Bell (7)	65	6-1
12	1/P100-U	URSER (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 13-12-0	—	83	5-1
14	P0404-0	ALABAMA (F Jackson) F Jackson 9-11-9	R Morris (7)	50	25-1

FORM BEAMWAM (11-7) won 1l from Fixed Price (11-7) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £1606, good to soft, May 7, 9 ran). CLASSIC TOUCH (11-7) 3rd beaten 11l to Mr Mellors (11-7) at Folkestone (2m 4f, £1263, firm, May 13, 10 ran). EASY FELLA (12-4) 2nd, no impression, beaten 6l to Sunylyn (11-13) at Warwick (2m 4f, £985, good to soft, Feb 10, 11 ran). OBSERVE (11-6) 2nd, ran in snatches, beaten 4l to Royal Judgement (11-13) at Sandown (2m 4f, £1221, good, Feb 5, 9 ran). TEN CHERRIES (12-7) 2nd, failed to quicken, beaten 8l to Ballywell (3m 1f, £680, firm, May 26, 11 ran). ALABAMA (10-11) 5th beaten 23½l to Earls Brig (11-10) with URSER (11-9) unseated rider 4th at Wetherby (2m 4f, £1326, good, Feb 7, 11 ran).
Selection: OBSERVE

4.0 BRADMORE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,775: 2m 6f) (19 runners)

1	021200	BATTLEFIELD BAND (CD) (J Eddell) J Blundell 10-12-1	M Brennan	91	14-1
2	PF3230	PERMABOS (M Walker) K Stone 8-11-11	A Stringer	—	8-1
3	0111/	FEALTY (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 7-11-10	R Crank	—	5-1
5	40F000	EMO FOREVER (B) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 7-11-8	L Wyer	● 99	12-1
8	1FRR-R0	DANCING SOVEREIGN (B,D) (R Wakefield) K Morgan 8-11-0	G McCourt	88	33-1
10	4-123	GOOD AFTERNOON (Reed & Mackay Travel) M Robinson 7-10-12	J Duggan	94	9-2
11	23-2140	FORT RUPERT (L Smith) P Walwyn 5-10-11	D Browne	98	F7-2
15	FF01/10	BARWAR (CD) (Capt R Johnson) C Spares 9-10-4	—	91	6-1
18	300000	MARINERS DREAM (B) (D Newton) R Hollinshead 6-10-3	P Dever	96	20-1
21	1F/FPP-0	SANDMOOR COURT (Mrs K Judge) J Payne 9-10-0	J McLaughlin	—	33-1
24	1100-P0	ASTRAL LADY (Mrs C Dook) Mrs C Dook 6-10-0	S Keightley	96	20-1
26	03-0020	EYE FLASHER (B) (H Maddever) Rex Carter 5-10-0	C Grant	81	10-1
27	R00-020	TOO OFTEN (B Solis) K Bridgwater 8-10-0	K Ryan (7)	89	12-1
28	0P2P00	OUR BARA BOY (Communidata Ltd) R Curtis 10-10-0	K Traylor (7)	90	16-1
33	100040/	SWITCH OFF (I Anderson) I Anderson 9-10-0	—	—	33-1
34	430F/00	GREAT SHADOW (B) (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 7-10-0	S Cusack (7)	—	25-1
35	000000	TIMBER TOOL (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 5-10-0	—	93	25-1
36	FF3342	CHESTERFIELD (BF) (E Bonlarron) R Curtis 9-10-0	C Llewellyn (7)	76	8-1
38	0FPPPP-	CLAIR SOLEIL (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 7-10-0	—	—	33-1

FORM BATTLEFIELD BAND (10-10) 13th to Strong Player (10-12) at Wetherby (2m 4f, £4318, good, Feb 7, 18 ran). EMO FOREVER (11-2) 7th beaten over 14l to Model Pupil (11-7) at Cheltenham (3m, July, BARWAR (10-0) unplaced to Taberna Lord (9-10) at Sandown (2m 5f, £796, good, Feb 7, 14 ran). FORT RUPERT (11-5) 5th, failed to quicken close home, beaten 6½l to Sicilian Passage (10-9) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1434, good, Dec 26, 19 ran). TOO OFTEN (10-0) 5th, beaten 8½l to BARWAR (10-0) with MARINERS DREAM (10-10) 10th at Nottingham (2m 6f, £2231, good to soft, Jan 5, 13 ran). CHESTERFIELD (10-0) 2nd beaten nk to Steamy (10-9) at Fontwell (2m 2f seller, £873, good, Nov 4, 22 ran).
Selection: EMO FOREVER

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
F Winter	7	18	38.9
J Blundell	5	23	21.7
H Henderson	10	47	21.3
Mrs M Rimell	11	64	17.2
D Nicholson	13	79	16.5
M H Easterby	7	47	14.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Smith Eccles	13	57	22.8
P Scudamore	18	111	16.2
S Morshead	10	80	12.5
G McCourt	9	82	11.0
M Brennan	6	71	8.5
Only Qualifiers			

3.15 COWFOLD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£842: 2m) (17 runners)

1	F04-0F0	FOUR SPORT (G Whitmore) J Cox 5-11-10	Dale McKeown (4)	94	16-1
4	030220	THAMES TRADER (H Booty) P Haynes 6-11-7	A Webb	97	15-2
5	114301	MANHATTAN BOY (CD) (J Blackman) J F-Heyes 5-11-4	Penny Fitzh-Heyes (7)	97	F5-6
6	P00	ORRAVAN (Mrs M Collison) R Hoad 5-11-2	S Powell	—	20-1
8	004230	DISCOVER GOLD (D) (A Harrison & Co Ltd) K Bridgwater 6-10-13	W Worthington	88	14-1
9	U00-0	MARSOOM (G Sanger) H Beasley 5-10-12	Jessica Charles Jones (7)	—	16-1
12	000P	UP TOWN BOY (T Burrage) M Madgwick 5-10-11	A Madgwick	94	16-1
13	U/F4-000	DRAGONADE (J Blackshaw) A Moore 6-10-11	G Moore	83	16-1
14	00-P003	SHERWOOD FOREST (B) (N Payne) J Sayers 5-10-10	M Perrett	84	7-2
15	000-F0	CHERRYWOOD ROSE (Mrs R Smith) H O'Neill 5-10-8	R Chapman (4)	—	16-1
17	000P30/	MR CHIDHAM (M Ferrett) P Hedger 6-10-8	P Corrigan	91	16-1
19	00-P000	SUSSEX OVERSEAS (P Hatt) P Hatt 5-10-8	C Maan	—	16-1
20	P0-4	PEADAR'S STROKE (C Harvey) G Gracey 5-10-8	R J Beggan	—	5-1
21	00000	ROCKALL (H Man) A Moore 4-10-8	Candy Moore (4)	88	33-1
22	0000	RAVENSCRAIG (D St Clair) D Grissell 5-10-8	R Goldstein	● 99	33-1
24	P004P	PIC VIC (V Searle) N Lee-Judson 4-10-8	—	85	33-1
25	3/330-00	LAMBOURN BOY (C Holmes) C Holmes 6-10-8	C Cox	88	33-1

3.45 JEVINGTON PLACE STUD MARES ONLY NOVICE CHASE (£1,925: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1	2-1000	EVENING SONG (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 8-11-1	Mr P Townsley	● 99	11-2
2	1-3F1P0	MISS MAINA (M Huxley) J Fitch-Heyes 6-11-1	R Goldstein	73	12-1
3	204-122	RIBOBELLE (T Chandler) M Pipe 6-11-1	—	94	F4-5
4	0000P/1	SILENT SURRENDER (Mrs E Smith) P J Jones 7-11-1	C Maan	80	4-1
5	0300F	CHANNEL BREEZE (W Kavanagh) E Wheeler 7-10-10	J White	—	25-1
6	0F30-0F	DUSTY RUN (B) (A Miedziek) R Shepherd 7-10-10	Mrs C Smallman	—	25-1
7	00-0F40	ERICA SUPERBA (I Buchan) P Bailey 7-10-10	Miss G Arenhaus (4)	73	10-1
8	B00-PF0	FIDELIGHT (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 9-10-10	Mr T Grantham (4)	—	33-1
10	PPPF	GLENBANE LADY (B) (C Squance) R Parker 6-10-10	M Furlong	—	33-1
11	000-0P	LLOYDS DARK LADY (Mrs P Ward-Jones) D Grissell 8-10-10	C Warren (7)	—	33-1
12	0430U0	MISS PRAGUE (G Wragg) D L Williams 13-10-10	Mr G Wragg (7)	84	14-1
13	033-000	MIZZIE LIZZIE (M Florey) J Bosley 9-10-10	—	69	25-1
14	3032/P-0	PELHAM LINE (C Weeks) W Musson 7-10-10	C Smith	—	50-1
15	0/040P-P	RUSHOISE (B) (B Dukes) P Dukes 6-10-10	L Harvey (4)	—	20-1

4.15 SHEFFIELD PARK NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (14 runners)

1	6-2100	DISPORT (B) (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 5-11-7	M Harrington	84	F5-2
5	0P/FFF0	CASTILORE LAD (C Pike) J Long 7-11-1	—	—	33-1
7	042-	DEVIL'S ARROW (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 6-11-1	A Madgwick	—	12-1
9	0	HEADLEY HALL (Mrs W Garthwaite) P Mitchell 5-11-1	D Bennesworth (7)	—	16-1
10	00R-00	LIBERTY SQUARE (Mrs R Crompton III) O Sherwood 6-11-1	C Cox	84	8-1
11	2-03040	NAMOOS (F Hill) A Moore 6-11-1	G Moore	85	13-2
13	0	PRIVATEPERFORMANCE (K Balfour) P Haynes 5-11-1	A Webb	—	20-1
17	P003-0F	VAGUELY ARTISTIC (Mrs J Gillam) R Hoad 5-11-1	M Hoad (7)	● 99	20-1
19	3030	DOLLY (J Bird) A Moore 5-10-10	Candy Moore (4)	90	10-1
21	00	BOGARTS VIDEO (B) (Lee Leisure Ltd) D Grissell 4-10-5	R Goldstein	—	25-1
23	F0	PARENTUS (P Gregory) N Henderson 4-10-5	M Bosley (4)	—	25-1
25	0	SOHAIL (Mrs E Gittins) C Holmes 4-10-5	K Burke	—	4-1
26	00	ALCEBA (Miss P Thompson) H O'Neill 4-10-0	R Chapman	—	33-1
28	P	MY MUTZIE (V Searle) N Lee-Judson 4-10-0	R J Beggan	—	33-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
M Pipe	5	18	27.8
N Henderson	11	42	26.2
P Mitchell	13	64	20.3
J Bosley	5	28	17.9
J Gifford	23	130	17.7
R Armitage	8	46	17.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
R Rowe	25	150	16.7
Penny F-Heyes	6	37	16.2
M Perrett	18	112	16.1
R Goldstein	23	199	11.6
M Harrington	7	61	11.5
G Moore	24	246	9.8

Forgive'N Forget sets his sights on another Gold Cup

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Forgive'N Forget's performance in emphatically winning the first Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Saturday stamped him as a worthy favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup next month, for which he is offered at no better price than 2-1.

The key to his success was a dazzling display of fencing, of the calibre one would expect from a true Gold Cup horse. While the credit for winning this race went to England, the trainer, Jimmy Fitzgerald, consoled me afterwards with the reflection: "Don't forget that the horse as well as his owner, trainer and jockey were all bred in Ireland."

For the greater part of the race there was an English challenger in front with Cybrandian dictating the gallop until making a disastrous mistake six fences which dislodged Tommy Carmody.

Forgive'N Forget landed fractionally in front at the fence but Mark Dwyer was able to ease him back and allow Omerta and Very Promising to give him a lead up to the second last obstacle. The favourite then went on and in a performance reflecting much credit on the astuteness of the English National Hunt handicapper, who currently puts 8lb between them, ran home eight lengths in front of Very Promising.

David Nicholson was just one of those trainers with beaten horses here to decide not to renew Gold Cup rivalry with the winner. Very Promising drops back to two miles for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, while Barrow Line, a hard-driven third, will remain in novice class and Omerta (fourth) will bid for a handicap.

In my book Barrow Line would have been a clear second best if Niall Madden had not tried to jump with the more experienced horses when the pace accelerated halfway round the final circuit. Barrow Line, in the circumstances, had to be forgiven bad mistakes at the fifth last and fourth last fences. The stewards also imposed a four-day suspension on Madden for what they termed "excessive use of the whip" on the flat.

Full Flow, trained by Mick O'Toole for his wife, Una, justified odds-on favouritism in the Scalp Hurdle, but he, too, needed a lot of driving to master Grabel by a length.

2.55 VINCENT O'BRIEN IRISH GOLD CUP (IR£49,850: 3m)

FORGIVE 'N FORGET ch g by Precipice Wood-Tacisenne (T Kiokroe & Sons Ltd) 10-12-0 M Dwyer (5-4 fav) 1

Very Promising br g by The Parson-No Hitch (P Green) 9-12-0 R Dunwoody (11-4) 2

Barrow Line ch g by High Line-Golden Delicious (J M Foley) 10-12-0 N Madden (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 10 Omerta (4th), 12 Bobsline (pu), 21 Cybrandian (f), 40 Royal Bond (ro), 66

FOOTBALL: RUSH AND SMITH TRY TO JUSTIFY THEIR ASTRONOMICAL PRICE TAGS WITH A TREBLE AND A DOUBLE RESPECTIVELY AT ANFIELD

Leicester's loss looks a good deal greater than that of Liverpool

By Clive White

Liverpool	4
Leicester City	3

Two uncharacteristic and, fortunately for Liverpool, inconsequential lapses in their defence on Saturday helped safeguard a little longer the seventh digit in Leicester City's evaluation of Alan Smith, their much-touted centre forward.

Both clubs were in the business of justifying astronomical price tags, Smith with his late brace of goals and Rush with a brilliant match-winning treble which will ease Juventus's conscience about parting with the £3 million they have agreed to pay Liverpool for the Welshman at the end of the season.

And both clubs may be shedding genuine tears on the way to the bank. On Saturday Leicester's 'loss' looked a good deal more substantial than Liverpool's. D'Avray, Smith's intended replacement, is clearly not very quick.

Dalglish chose wisely, as it proved, to keep Rush's understudy, Aldridge, under wraps. Paul Walsh, sent off in midweek at Southampton for striking an opponent, accepted Dalglish's reprieve to get on with some legitimate striking, paving the way for Liverpool's first victory in four games with only his second goal since November 1.

He looked sharp and eager and was unlucky not to add to his tally, but he will never be a Rush. That daunting task is left, appropriately, to Rush's double, Aldridge.

Smith's two goals, though sweetly taken, were scored immediately after Liverpool goals when the home team were easing back on the throttle and, as far as Smith's ninetieth-minute goal was concerned, at a complete standstill waiting for an offside decision.

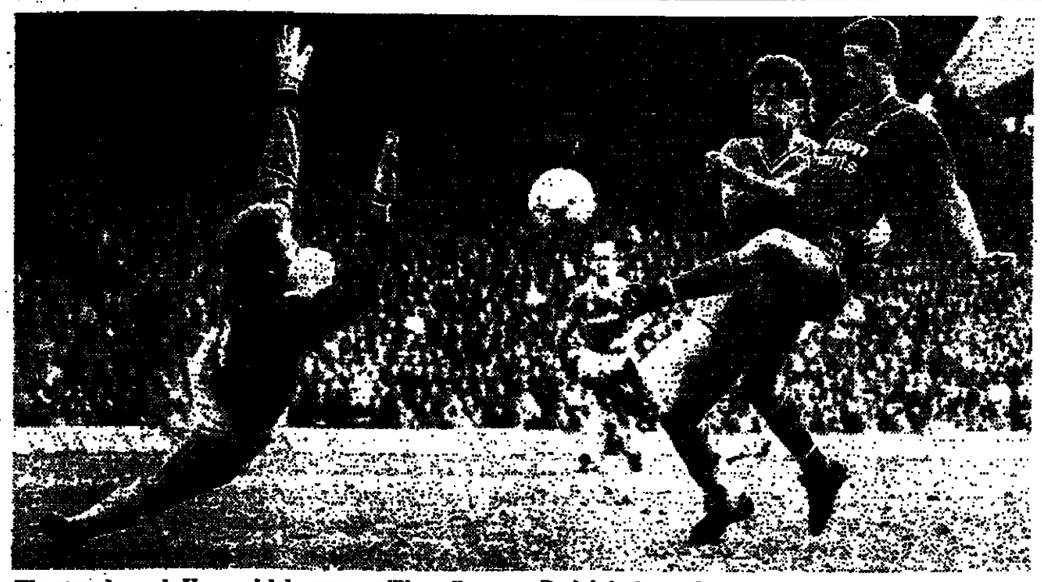
Rush, by contrast, was afforded no such aid. He was the victim of hit-and-run by Leicester's Walsh on at least five occasions, only one of which in the second minute earned the centre back a booking.

Anyway, Rush soon established his superiority at the end of a delightful move with a shot against a post which the flustered Walsh, following up, rattled again before clearing. Rush reminded us of his ability to create as well as destroy when he laid off a Molby free kick for Walsh to fire past the possibly unsighted Andrews.

Leicester, their nerve stiffened by a useful record against the champions (in recent seasons they went five consecutive games without losing to Liverpool), deservedly drew level when the excellent Johnstone, helping out his defence once too often, scored with a fine near-post header past Grobbelaar. A moment's hesitation in the defence enabled Rush to restore the initiative and from then on Leicester were always struggling with their own deficiencies as well as Liverpool's strengths.

Liverpool were invited to score by Venus, the Leicester left back, as they twice accepted his misdirected passes. Johnston and Walsh were the interceptors, Rush, inevitably, the far-post executioner. As for Venus, he must have wished he was a million miles away.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; B Venison, G Gillespie, M Lawrenson, A Hansen, P Walsh, C Johnston, I Rush, J Molby, S McMahon (sub: K Dalglish).
LEICESTER CITY: I Andrews; S Morgan, M Venus, J O'Neill, S Walsh, G McAllister, A Mauchlen, M D'Avray, A Smith, A Ramsey, I Wilson.
Referee: J M Key.



The star who made Venus wish he were a million miles away: Rush bringing Andrews down to earth for his second goal

Match that exposed myth about managers

From David Miller
Lisbon

Portugal	0
Italy	1

The state of the national football team reflects some of the problems of elegant, imperialist old Lisbon: debilitated by political and financial decay, disfigured by graffiti, in football's instance verbal, yet retaining an unmistakeable style and presence.

Portugal should have at least drawn with Italy in this European Championship qualifying tie at the once-grand National Stadium, now structurally unmaintained and tatty with dirt and litter. Even the policemen look jaded in their unpressed uniforms and ageing, cracked shoes.

The match was lost, unjustifiably, by a gift of a goal two minutes before half-time, allowing Italy to lead the group with a team little improved, on this evidence, from that which surrendered to France in the World Cup.

Yet the match was, in one respect, remarkable. Portugal, who attacked for five-sixths of the game against opponents content to sit back characteristically with 11 men behind the ball, had 21 players on strike. "How can you judge such a match when this was Portugal's third team," Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's manager, said afterwards, having come to study the next World Cup hosts.

Following the disputes at Saltillo last June, when the Portuguese squad demanded and failed to get better payments from their federation, all but the defender Alvaro, of Benfica, have subsequently refused to play again until Silva Resende, the federation president, resigns.

The victory over England in Monterrey is just a memory; Futre, Gomez, Carlos Manuel and the rest are adamant in their stand, broken only by Alvaro, who has been called a traitor.

Determination of a 'traitor'

Yet such was the determination of Alvaro on Saturday, the improvization of Jaime and Frasco in midfield, the elusiveness of Adao and Quim in attack that, surprisingly, Italy might have been beaten.

Jaime, cutting inside Cabrini in the 21st minute, deceived Zenga, Inter's goalkeeper, with an early shot off the outside of the right foot which hit the near post; and a minute later Adao, taking first time Quim's corner kick, pulled back along the ground, grazed the crossbar with Zenga struggling.

Afterwards, the Portuguese claimed that Michel Vautrot, the French referee, denied them three penalties in the second half, though there was no more than one occasion which looked arguable, when Mario Jorge was brought down by Bagni.

What such a performance as Portugal's does is to throw into perspective the over-valued significance of team managers, especially in national as opposed to club football. This is not to suggest that Bobby Robson should be dismissed forthwith.

Yet the truth is that, if you pick players with natural ability for the international team, there is so little time for preparation that their own instincts are often the best tactics and the manager's or coach's most important contribution is the strength and stability of his personality.

Lukic error costly for Arsenal

By Martin Searby

Sheffield Wednesday	1
Arsenal	1

Sheffield Wednesday, without a League win since Christmas, were always going to struggle with Chapman, their tall forward, suspended and May, their centre half, signed from Barnsley too late to strengthen the middle.

When Quinn outjumped Hodge, the goalkeeper, to head home a corner from Rix after only eight minutes, the question seemed: How many?

With Michael Thomas, on his League debut, successfully replacing the suspended Anderson, and Williams and Rix covering all the gaps, Wednesday looked to have little idea how to break down the best defence in the League.

Hayes had a first-class opportunity to seal the game midway through the first half when he waltzed past Snodin, only to shoot wide, and Quinn, an ever better one, when he was left with a free header from a curling cross from Rix. But he hit Hodges's legs and Arsenal faded until the dying minutes.

Wednesday at last began to show some of their old flair for running at defenders and pouring men forward at speed and Arsenal wavered as Smith flicked on two corners at the near post, the first taking a deflection as Chamberlain shot.

Arsenal were finally cracked by an extraordinary goal: Snodin's cross struck Chamberlain's head and looped inside Lukic's post from 18 yards out.

Williams, injured in a fall which damaged his elbow, was substituted by Allinson, and Arsenal, finally having the better of a fast-tiring Wednesday, should have wrapped things up in the closing minutes. A rapid break gave them a 6-3 advantage, but the head of the queue was Allinson, who shot tamely. Then Davis fired a tremendous drive which Hodge tipped on to the bar.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, M Smith, L Madden, G Snodin; G Megson, G Shelton, N Worthington, B Warhwood (sub: D Hirst); C Bradshaw, M Chamberlain.
ARSENAL: J Lukic; M Thomas, D O'Leary, A Adams, K Samson; M Hayes, D Williams (sub: I Allinson), P Davis, G Rix; P Groves, N Quinn.
Referee: Mr G Courtney.

Yorath's calm inspiring for Swansea

By Nicholas Harling

Northampton Town	0
Swansea City	1

A game that was in danger of giving the lower divisions a really bad name improved to reveal why Swansea City are doing so well under the calming influence of Terry Yorath. This first home reverse for Northampton enabled the Welsh club to become the first to do the double over the runaway leaders in the fourth division.

Opinion at Northampton is that they are suffering badly after the injury to their captain, and high scoring forward, Trevor Morley, in the FA Cup tie at Newcastle. He adds the vital ingredient of composure to Northampton's hurried style.

"They're a bit like American footballers in that they always try to make ground," said Yorath, whose team spent the first half resisting the bustling tactics and the second displaying what they can offer. Phelan, who shuffled McGoldrick into some unrewarding positions on the touchline, Emmanuel and Harrison had all caught the eye for Swansea before Melville flicked on an 87th-minute corner by Williams for Pascoe to plunge in the only, albeit deserved, goal.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN: P Gleasure; G Read, P Chard, W Donald, R Willcox; K McPherson, E McGoldrick, I Benjamin, D Gilbert, P McMahenny, R Hill.
SWANSEA CITY: M Hughes; C Harrison, T Phelan, D Hough, A Melville, G Emmanuel, P Williams, S McCarthy, S Lowel (sub: K Andrews), C Pascoe, T Hutchinson.
Referee: K Walmsley.

History close to repeating itself

By Vince Wright

Oxford United	1
Everton	1

It was on a Wednesday evening last April that Oxford United ended Everton's interest in the championship with a last-minute winner in a pulsating match. On Saturday, in a game no less enjoyable, Everton seemed to be heading for another narrow defeat but were rescued by Wilkinson's 88th minute equaliser.

The goal kept the League leaders one point ahead of Arsenal but with Liverpool making up ground Everton may regard this result as two points lost rather than one gained.

In the first half Everton, missing the thrust of Sharp and the guile of Sheedy, were clearly inferior to Oxford, who were anxious to get a desperately disappointing performance at Chelsea out of their system. Oxford deserved their interval lead but the longer the game went on the stronger Everton became. At the finish they were playing like champions.

The end was cruel for Oxford even if Everton's goal was way overdue. One felt sorry for Hardwick, who more than compensated for his lack of height with a number of agile saves, the best of which were from Snodin, Stevens and Wilkinson.

Just behind Hardwick in the Oxford order of merit were the centre backs Briggs and Caton, who was making his first home appearance for his new club. They never wilted despite Everton's relentless pressure and in 90 minutes executed more last-ditch tackles and clearances than some defenders do in a month.

Oxford's goal after 25 minutes was not without controversy. The penalty awarded for a push by Stevens on Leworthy was straightforward enough but the Everton players thought that Langan had fouled Van Den Hauwe seconds earlier. Trewick's first spot kick was disallowed because someone stepped into the area. But he was just as accurate with the retake.

With the Oxford supporters pleading for the final whistle Everton struck back. Whitehurst was surprisingly penalised and even more surprisingly booked for a challenge near the half-way line. From the free kick Ratcliffe, Everton's outstanding player, centred from the left, Heath helped the ball on and Wilkinson scored from close range.

At times this fiercely competitive match threatened to boil over and John Martin's inconsistent refereeing did nothing to improve tempers. His last act was to book Leworthy who jostled with Southall as the teams came off the pitch — a sequel to an earlier incident between the two.

OXFORD UNITED: S Hardwick; D Langan, J Trewick, L Phillips, G Briggs, T Caton, R Houghton, D Leworthy, W Whitehurst, T Hebbard, K Brock.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P Van Den Hauwe (sub: A Harper), K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, P Wilkinson, I Snodin, P Power.
Referee: J Martin.

Sad return to action for Pender

By David Powell

John Pender played his first League game of the season for Charlton Athletic yesterday but probably wishes he had not. He gave away a penalty which put Wimbledon on their way to a 2-0 win and was injured in the process. Pender, having recovered from two ankle operations, had to go off after fouling Fashanu in the 29th minute. Gage scored from the spot and Winterburn added the second.

The popular notion that the League championship will be won by Everton, Arsenal or Liverpool is being questioned, though not for the moment disputed, by two clubs who are having their best spell of results since they each led the first division in October.

A 1-1 home draw with Manchester City may not suggest that Norwich City are about to close the seven-point gap which exists between themselves and Liverpool in third place, but it did at least preserve what is at present the longest unbeaten run in the division. It was Norwich's ninth match without defeat.

The next best unbeaten sequence belongs to Nottingham Forest whose 1-1 home draw with West Ham United was their seventh League match without loss. Queen's Park Rangers are compiling an even more impressive string of results. They have won their last five matches, moving through two rounds of the FA Cup and climbing clear of the relegation zone. To their Cup wins over Leicester City and Luton Town, they have added victories in bottom-of-the-table encounters with Southampton, Aston Villa and, on Saturday, by 2-1, over Newcastle United.

As a six-point gap appeared between third and fourth places in the second division, the chasing pack may be relieved that this is the season when those who finish third, fourth and fifth, together with the nineteenth club in the first division, will play off for one promotion place.

Crystal Palace, who began the decade as the 'Team of the Eighties' are approaching the end of it as the fourth best in South London. Millwall overtook them with a 1-0 win over Sheffield United.

Hoddle is the master artist of Tottenham's tapestry

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Tottenham Hotspur	2
Southampton	0

The followers of Tottenham Hotspur should not be preparing themselves yet for Glenn Hoddle's farewell party. After another extraordinary display which confirmed that he is technically the most gifted player in the country, there was a suggestion that reports of his imminent departure may be premature.

Although rumours about the imminent arrival of Diego Maradona lie deep in the land of fantasy, Tottenham retain a realistic hope that their own star attraction will remain at White Hart Lane next season. David Pleat, their manager for one, believes that Hoddle's proposed move is still in the balance.

Hoddle himself is ready to show his talents on the playing fields of Europe but he may be persuaded to stay on home ground, especially as Pleat has designed a stage on which he can perform without inhibition. Yet the system has not been shaped for one man alone.

It suits the selfishness of Clive Allen, the perception of Ardiles, the unpredictability of Waddle, the industry of Paul Allen and the instinct of Hodge. In catering for the positive strengths of each of his attacking individuals, Pleat has assembled a potentially formidable side.

That much was proved recently during the dismantling of West Ham United and the defeat of Arsenal at Highbury. But both of those triumphs were in cup ties. In League fixtures, as in their victory over Southampton, there continues to be a small but troublesome flaw in their approach.

Tottenham can resemble an artist who stands back from his canvas to admire his work. By the time he resumes, the paint on his brush has dried and the flow is temporarily lost. They did so again on Saturday and, against more competent opponents than Southampton, they might have paid the penalty.

The picture they drew in the first half was worth hanging in a gallery. Even Pleat, who is not known for lavish appraisal, enjoyed it. "We had so much of the ball, everybody wanted it and everybody was making good runs." Shilton alone stood in the way of a painful embarrassment.

But Tottenham mentally stepped away after the interval and, but for the feeble inaccuracy of Lawrence, they would have yielded more than the advantage already given to them by Gough from Hoddle's free-kick. Pleat admitted that "we were making uncharacteristic errors at the back".

Tottenham then metaphorically cleaned their brush and created a masterpiece. Hoddle deliberated near the touchline before driving a cross that flew like a jet, low and undetected, across Shilton's radar screen. It landed 40 yards away on the forehead of the diving Hodge, who nodded it inside the far post.

Although Southampton might have conceded several more, the goal provided an appropriately stunning finale. "I've got some exciting players with pace," Pleat said, "but Hoddle is worth coming to see, isn't he?" No one on the terraces of White Hart Lane on Saturday would have disagreed.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; D Thomas, M Thomas, S Hodge, R Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, G Hoddle, O Ardiles (sub N Claesen).
SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; G Forrest, D Armstrong, J Case, M Wright, K Bond, D Wallace, S Cockerill, G Lawrence, A Townsend (sub N Holmes), G Hobson.
Referee: A Gunn.

Luton making an impression

By Simon Jones

Luton Town	2
Aston Villa	1

Luton Town have upset quite a few people this season. It is not just their plastic pitch or the members-only ruling at their ground. What disturbs their opponents most of all is that they keep on winning.

Whether the conditions which prevail at Kenilworth Road give the home team an unreasonable advantage is difficult to gauge. What is indisputable, however, is that Luton now have to be taken very seriously as a force in the first division.

They are unbeaten in the League since Boxing Day and are maintaining a close interest in the title race though it may not be realistic to expect that they could win the championship. Against Aston Villa they were not quite at their best but nevertheless produced some memorable moments.

The first goal was an example. Midway through a mundane first half Foster — an ex-Villa player — chested down a clearance from Evans 30 yards from goal. Just as you were thinking he had room to volley the ball over Spink, in the Villa goal, he did exactly that, his shot dipping under the angle of post and bar.

Harford extended Luton's lead in the 34th minute from a penalty after Dorigo had handled a Stein cross at the end of Luton's most penetrating move. However, 13 minutes from time, Villa were presented with a faint chance of taking a point from a game in which they were outplayed for long periods when another penalty was awarded.

This time Johnson was adjudged to have tripped Walters though it seemed that there was no intent on the part of the Luton defender. Anyway, Evans scored comfortably. Yet no matter how many players Villa pushed forward in the later stages they never managed to create any real openings.

The Villa manager, Billy McNeill, said afterwards that he and his team were leaving Kenilworth Road with "a lot of respect for ourselves". It is hard to understand why. Villa's recent record is a mirror image of Luton's: they have not won a match since Boxing Day. On this form their unenviable record will continue.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, R Johnson, P Nicholas, S Foster, M Donaghy, R Wilson, B Stein, M Newell, M Harford, A Grimes.
ASTON VILLA: N Spink; G Williams, A Dorigo, A Evans, P Elliott, M Keown, P Birch, A Daley, G Thompson, S Hunt, M Walters.
Referee: B Stevens.

Fareham time it perfectly

By Paul Newman

Fareham Town are through to the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy for the first time in their history after a remarkable 2-0 victory away to Scarborough on Saturday.

Scarborough, who lie second in the GM Vauxhall Conference, went behind to a goal by Moody shortly before half-time. Wilkes secured victory early in the second half for Fareham, who are second to bottom of the Southern League premier division and have not won a league match away from home all season.

Two more Southern League sides, Dartford and Aylesbury United, forced replays against Conference opposition. Aylesbury secured a goalless draw at Dagenham and Burman's equalizer midway through the second half gave Dartford a 1-1 draw at Runcorn. Corby Town, the other Southern League side left in the competition, lost 3-0 at home to Maidstone United, whose scorers were Butler (two) and Bartley.

Barnet, the Conference leaders, were held to a 1-1 draw by Boston United, while a crowd of 3,567, Cheltenham Town's biggest for several years, saw Kidderminster Harriers win yesterday's derby 3-2 with goals from Mackenzie, Tuohy and Davies. Boyland and Hughes replied Cheltenham.

Chigwellians in semi-finals

Old Chigwellians	4
Old Bradfieldians	0

Old Chigwellians scored twice in each half on a sticky surface to reach the semi-finals of the Arthur Dunn Cup in which they will be at home to Cholmeleians (George Chesterton writes).

A header from Sydenham and a fierce low drive by Grover put Chigwellians two up before Grover added the best goal from a Berndes cross early in the second half. The final goal, largely made by Bryce and scored by Taylor, underlined Chigwell's superiority.

● Kyriacou, who cut in to score from the edge of the area after ten minutes, hit the only goal of the game for Cholmeleians, the Arthurian League leaders, who went on to hit the woodwork three times against Carthusians

Portsmouth ill

Portsmouth may ask for permission to postpone their Full Members' Cup quarter-final at Norwich this week because of illness in their camp. The manager, Alan Ball, said five or six players struggled through the 1-0 win over Hull on Saturday with chest infections. He has already withdrawn his midfield player Eammon Collins from the Republic of Ireland under-21 squad and will call in the club's doctor today.

President's man now in charge

Torres, Portugal's trainer in Mexico, was given the sack, blamed for the unrest. The selection is now in the hands of Rui Seabra, a lawyer, amateur football administrator and friend of Resende.

Seabra allegedly picks the squad and is assisted in the preparation of the team by Joca Pereira, the former coach of Braga. Seabra's problems are magnified by the protest a fortnight ago of some clubs against the use of their players for national squad training and the fact that the Portuguese League of 16 clubs contains no fewer than 58 foreign players, reducing the development of younger Portugnese players.

There is a myth about management. The money being paid to McMenemy at Sunderland, even before he accepted a cut of £8,000 a year, is a nonsense. There are three sorts of managers: the inspirational, such as Rinus Michels; the common-sense pragmatist such, as Ramsey and Menotti; and the rest.

Such is the negative mentality of Italian football that the switch from Enzo Bearzot to Azeglio Vicini has produced little alteration in character. Bearzot briefly achieved a more positive attitude in 1978 in Argentina: now Italy have reverted to their most cynical.

It really was looking promising for Portugal, in spite of the naivety with which too often they gave away the ball in their toe-clever attacking movements. Their downfall came when Quim, their left winger, lost possession near his own penalty area, the ball was switched into the middle by Bagni, and, with Jesus rushing wildly off his goal-line to no avail, Altobelli was able to put the ball in an empty net.

PORTUGAL: Jesus (Vitoria); Veloso (Benfica), Alvaro (Benfica), Dito (Benfica), Eduardo Luis (Porto), Jaime (Belenenses), Nascimento (Vitoria), Frasco (Porto), Manuel Fernandes (Sporting) (sub: Cuelho, Boavista), Adao (Vitoria) (sub: Mario Jorge, Sporting), Quim (Porto).
ITALY: W Zenga (Internazionale); G Bergossi (Internazionale), F Baresi (AC Milan), R Ferri (Internazionale), A Cabrini (Juventus), S Bagni (Napoli), R Donadoni (AC Milan), G Giannini (Roma), G Dossena (Torino), A Altobelli (Internazionale), G Vialli (Sampdoria).
Referee: M Vautrot (France).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

First division

Coventry City	3	Chelsea	0
Liverpool	4	Leicester City	3
Luton Town	2	Aston Villa	1
Manchester Utd	3	Watford	1
Norwich City	1	Manchester City	1
Nottingham For	1	West Ham Utd	1
Oxford United	1	Everton	1
QPR	2	Newcastle Utd	1
Sheffield Wed	1	Arsenal	1
Tottenham	2	Southampton	0

Yesterday

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, M Smith, L Madden, G Snodin; G Megson, G Shelton, N Worthington, B Warhwood (sub: D Hirst); C Bradshaw, M Chamberlain.
ARSENAL: J Lukic; M Thomas, D O'Leary, A Adams, K Samson; M Hayes, D Williams (sub: I Allinson), P Davis, G Rix; P Groves, N Quinn.
Referee: Mr G Courtney.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	28	16	6	6	53	23	54
Arsenal	27	15	8	4	42	16	53
Liverpool	27	15	6	6	46	27	51
Nottingham For	28	13	8	7	50	34	47
Luton Town	27	13	7	7	31	28	46
Tottenham	28	13	5	9	48	29	44
Norwich City	27	11	11	5	38	37	44
Coventry City	28	11	7	10	31	32	40
Wimbledon	27	12	3	12	36	35	39
West Ham Utd	27	10	8	9	41	44	38
Watford	27	10	7	10	45	36	37
Manchester Utd	27	9	9	9	36	33	36
QPR	27	10	6	11	29	35	36
Sheffield Wed	28	8	11	9	40	43	35
Oxford United	28	8	9	11	31	48	33
Chelsea	28	8	6	12	38	48	32
Southampton	27	8	4	15	41	52	28
Manchester City	27	6	10	11	25	36	28
Leicester City	27	7	6	14	37	49	27
Charlton	28	6	8	14	26	39	26
Aston Villa	27	6	6	15	31	55	24
Newcastle Utd	27	5	7	15	28	48	22

SIMRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 3, Crusaders 0; Ballymena 1, Newry 2; Cliftonville 1, Bangor 2; Distillery 2, Coleraine 8; Glenavon 1, Linfield 2; Glentoran 4, Portadown 0; Larne 1, Carrick 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 0, Crystal Palace 0; Reading 1, Tottenham 6; Southampton 2, Luton 1; Watford 3, Fulham 0; West Ham 2, Oxford Utd 2. Postponed: Chelsea v Norwich.

FA TROPHY: Third round: Barnet 1, Boston 1; Burton 1, Whitley Bay 0; Corby 0, Maidstone 3; Dagenham 0, Aylesbury 0; Nuneaton 2, Blyth 2; Runcorn 1, Dartford 1; Scarborough 0, Fareham 2.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor City 3, Goole 1; Buxton 2, Chorley 2; Horwich 1, Caernarfon 1; Macclesfield 0, Matlock 2; Morecambe 1, Gainsborough 4; Mossley 1, Ogwestry 1; South Liverpool 2, Hyde 0; Workington 2, Worksop 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 2, Telford 1; Enfield 0, Welling 2; Frickley 2, Weymouth 2; Sutton United 2, Northwich 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0, Cambridge City 2; Chelmsford 0, Bromsgrove 2; Dudley 1, Witney 1; King's Lynn 3, Shepshed 0; Redditch 1, Fisher 1; Willenhall 3, Folkestone 0; Worcester 1, Bedworth 3. Postponed: Crawley v Alvechurch. Midland division: Bridgnorth 0, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Gloucester City 3, Mile Oak 2; Grantham 2, Coventry Sporting 0; Halesowen 0, Forest Green 0; Hednesford 0, VS Rugby 2; Leicester United 3, Bilston 2; Moor Green 2, Buckingham 2; Rushden 2, Banbury 2; Sutton Coldfield 2, Leamington 0. Southern division: Andover 1, Tonbridge 0; Ashford 3, Burnham and Hillingdon 0; Canterbury 0, Thanet 0; Dunstable 2, Dover 3; Shappey 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 3, Waterlooville 2, Corinthian 2; Woodford 2, Dorchester 1.

FA VASE: Fifth round replay: Havant 4, Collier Row 5 (aet).

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Surrey 4, Bedfordshire 2.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final: Heybridge 2, Hornchurch 3.

NORFOLK SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Watton 1, Norwich City 1 (aet); Lakeford 3, Poringland 4.

OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round: Bicester 0, Clanfield 1 (aet); Morris Motors 2, Thame 1; Garsington 4, Kidlington 2.

Second division

Birmingham City	2	Brighton	0
Crystal Pal	5	Sheffield Utd	1
Grimsby Town	3	Reading	2
Leeds United	2	Barnsley	2
Millwall	1	Sheffield Utd	0
Oldham Ath	2	Ipswich Town	1
Plymouth Argyle	1	Blackburn Rvrs	1
Portsmouth	1	Hull City	0
Shrewsbury Ta	1	Huddersfield Ta	2
Sunderland	1	Derby County	2
West Bromwich	4	Stoke City	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	27	17	6	4	35	16	57
Derby	26	15	5	6	41	25	50
Oldham	27	14	6	7	42	29	48
Plymouth	27	11	9	7	42	36	42
Ipswich	27	11	8	8	43	31	41
Stoke	27	12	5	10	42	31	41
Millwall	27	11	6	10	31	28	39
Birmingham	27	9	11	7	37	34	38
Leeds	27	10	8	9	32	33	38
C Palace	27	12	2	13	36	43	38
West Bromwich	27	10	7	10	37	30	37
Grimsby	28	8	12	8	31	35	36
Sunderland	26	8	9	9	32	32	33
Sheffield Utd	27	8	9	10	33	36	33
Shrewsbury	27	10	3	14	25	35	33
Reading	28	8	8	12	37	42	32
Blackburn R	26	7	8	11	24	31	29
Huddersfield	25	8	5	12	32	41	29
Hull City	26	8	5	13	26	46	29
Brighton	27	7	7	13	25	35	28
Bradford	26	7	6	13	40	47	27
Barnsley	26	6	9	11	26	33	27

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Carshalton 0, Slough 1; Dulwich Hamlet 0, Tooting and Mitcham 2; Harrow 5, Farnborough 0; Hendon 3, Walthamstow 2; Hitchin 1, St Albans 1; Kingstonian 1, Bognor 2; Wokingham 0, Hayes 0; Worthing 2, Croydon 3; Wycombe 0, Yeovil 1. Postponed: Barking v Bromley. First division: Basildon 1, Staines 1; Billericay 2, Oxford City 2; Epsom and Ewell 2, Grays 0; Hampton 1, Stevenage 1; Leatherhead 1, Leyton-Wingate 0; Maidenhead United 1, Lewes 0; Walton and Hersham 2, Kingsbury 3. Postponed: Leytonstone/Ilford v Tilbury; Southwick v Bracknell; Uxbridge v Finchley; Wembley v Boreham Wood. Second division north: Aveley 2, Royston 0; Barton 0, Ware 0; Chesham 0, Wolverton 2; Hemel Hempstead 0, Clapton 2; Hertford 4, Berkhamsted 3; Rainham 5, Cheshunt 1; Tring 3, Saffron Walden 1; Vauxhall Motors 0, Harlow 2; Wivenhoe 1, Haringey 1. Second division south: Banstead 2, Chalfont St Peter 3; Egham 1, Marlow 0; Feltham 3, Chertsey 0; Flackwell Heath 0, Molesey 3; Hareield 0, Horsham 0; Hungerford 3, Metropolitan Police 0; Petersfield 2, Newbury 2. Postponed: Eastbourne United v Bowing; Southall v Camberley; Whyteleafe v Woking.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Ardinians 2, Old Reptonians 2; Old Malvernians 1, Old Bonians 5. First division: Old Aldenhamians 6, Old Wykehamists 0; Old Citizens 1, Old Foresters 5; Old Salopians 7, Old Wellingburians 3.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chobham 1, Frimley Green 3; Cove 2, Cobham 0; Farnham 5, Cranleigh 0; Godalming 4, Malden Town 0; Hardley Wintney 1, Chipstead 1; Virginia Water 3, Malden Vale 3; Westfield 1, Farleigh 4. Postponed: Horley v Ash; Marsham v BAe (Weybridge).

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Braintree 2, Colchester United 1; Chatteris 1, Lowestoft 1; Clacton 0, Great Yarmouth 0; Gorleston 4, Ely City 1; Harwich and Parkeston 1, March 1; Havermill 1, Thetford 1; Histon 0, Brantham 3; Soham 0, Tiptree 3; Stowmarket 2, Bury 3; Wisbech 0, Felixstowe 1.

Third division

Bournemouth	4	Mansfield Town	1
Bristol Rovers	0	Rotherham Utd	2
Bury	1	York City	0
Carlisle Utd	1	Bristol City	2
Chesterfield	2	Middlesbrough	1
Doncaster Rvrs	0	Newport County	1
Fulham	3	Notts County	1
Gillingham	1	Chester	2
Port Vale	1	Bolton Wandrs	1

Postponed: Swindon Town v Walsall.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	28	16	7	5	47	31	55
Middlesbrough	27	16	6	5	43	22	54
Notts County	27	14	6	7	50	31	48
Gillingham	27	14	5	8	40	29	47
Bristol C	27	13	6	8	41	24	45
Swindon	28	13	6	7	42	30	45
Wigan	27	13	5	9	53	42	44
Blackpool	28	11	10	5	45	30	43
Mansfield	28	9	12	6	32	31	40
Chesterfield	28	10	8	10	41	45	38
Doncaster R	26	10	5	11	38	39	35
Rotherham Utd	29	10	5	14	34	43	35
Fulham	28	8	10	10	43	46	34
Port Vale	27	8	8	11	41	42	32
Walsall	25	9	5	11	44	48	32
Bury	28	8	7	13	36	40	31
Bristol R	28	8	7	11	29	43	31
Brentford	28	7	9	12	35	45	30
York	25	8	5	12	32	47	30
Chester	25	5	14	6	33	36	29
Bolton	28	7	8	13	38	44	29
Darlington	24	5	9	10	27	40	24
Newport	25	5	8	13	28	41	23
Carlisle	27	6	5	16	27	47	23

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round: Old Chigwellians 4, Old Bradfieldians 0; Old Cholmeleians 1, Old Carthusians 0.

ESSEX LEAGUE: League Cup: Third round: Brentwood 0, East Thurrock 2; Burnham 3, Chelmsford 1; Maldon 1, Halssead 0; Purfleet 4, Stansted 0. Harry Fisher Memorial Cup: First round: Bowers 2, Brightlingsea 0. League: Senior section: East Ham 1, Woodford 1; Ford 2, Eton Manor 0; Witham 3, Canvey Island 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple, Chippenham 1; Bideford 2, Taunton 0; Bristol City 3, Clevedon 0; Chard 6, Frome 0; Dawlish 0, Clandown 4; Mangotsfield 2, Liskeard 3; Minehead 2, Radstock 2; Paulton 0, Melksham 2; Saltash 1, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Torrington 1, Exmouth 4; Weston-super-Mare 2, Plymouth Argyle 0.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Town 2, Moreton 0; Fairford 0, Supermarine 2; Pegasus 3, Shortwood 1; Penhill 0, Wantage 2; Sharpness 1, Reyners Lane 2; Wallingford 1, Hounslow 3; Yate 2, Abingdon United 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 2, Danson 1; Beaconsfield 1, Redhill 2; Beckton 2, Pennant 1; Corinthian Casuals 0, Northwood 3; Southgate 3, Crown and Manor 0; Ulysses 1, Hanwell 3. Postponed: Brimsdown v Yeading; Edgware v Waltham Abbey. League Cup: Second round: Barkingside

GOLF

Norman's margin of victory brings out the superlatives

From John Woodcock, Melbourne

Greg Norman ran away with the Australian Masters on the Huntingdale course here yesterday, winning by nine strokes from Peter Senior with a total that was 19 under par. The money-making American, Scott Hoch, who finished fourth, 11 strokes behind, described Norman as being "by far the best golfer in the world". David Graham said the only young American to come anywhere near him in ability was Payne Stewart.

Paid A$50,000 (about £22,000) just to tee off in each of three successive tournaments in Melbourne, the others being the Australian Matchplay and the Victorian Open, Norman is repaying his backers many times over. The people came yesterday, as though it were a pilgrimage, to gaze upon him, this great blond Adonis, in such numbers as had never been seen on a golf course in Australia before.

They are renowned in Melbourne for being inveterate watchers of sport, and the promoters, who ran out of tickets, estimated yesterday's gallery at 50,000. It was certainly 100,000 for the four days of the tournament, played in mostly blistering weather.

The leading British player, in fifth place, was David Feherty, Ian Woosnam, Gordon Brand and Ronan Rafferty were also in the first 20, but not Sam Torrance, who went 7, 5, 7, 5 at the long 14th (609 yards) as against Norman's 4, 4, 4, 4. Robert Lee had another erratic round yesterday, in partnership with Langer, but Gordon Brand jun. finished with a 71, the best of his four scores, but of no consequence in the final reckoning.

Feherty was admirably steady but holed nothing of much length on greens that were more than slippery enough to protect a fine course in beautiful condition from a spate of unflattering scores. Even so, Senior's aggregate of 282 would have been good enough to win this tournament in all but one of the previous eight years of its existence.

Until he dropped strokes at the last two holes, which was a touch anticlimatic, even Norman himself was very pleased with his game. "But I know I can play better," he said, "and because I love it so much I hope I will." He thought he could show a 20 per cent to 40 per cent improvement, in which case the closest finish, as it was yesterday, will usually be for second place.

As though we were not feeling inadequate enough already, Norman said he would be catching the seven o'clock flight to Brisbane this morning for a lesson from his erstwhile coach, Charlie Earp. Brisbane is in Queensland, whence Norman hails. It delighted him yesterday that Queensland "brought up the trifecta". Senior and Vaughan Somers, who was third, also are from the "sunshine state".

At one stage of Norman's awesome exhibition of controlled power, anti-apartheid demonstrators outside the boundary fence announced themselves, repeatedly calling for Norman to be banned from Australia for having competed in South Africa. "Ban Norman, ban Norman," they cried. Encouraged when Bob Shearer went across and agreed with them, they were less so when the reason he gave was to "give us a chance of winning".

Perhaps it was some encouragement that the two longest drives of the four days were not hit by Norman but by a tiny Japanese, Shizuo Mori, and a gangling Australian, Brett Ogle.

LEADING RESULTS (Aus unless stated): 273: G Norman, 68, 67, 68, 70. 282: P Senior, 72, 68, 71, 71. 283: V Somers, 73, 68, 69, 73. 284: S Hoch (US), 72, 73, 69, 70. 285: G Marsh, 72, 73, 68, 72; D Feherty (Ire), 71, 70, 71, 73. 286: F Nobilo (NZ), 75, 71, 69, 71; W Grady, 68, 73, 72, 73; R Mackay, 70, 72, 69, 75. 287: I Woosnam (GB), 75, 68, 72, 72. 288: I Baker-Finch, 69, 73, 73, 73. 289: P O'Malley, 73, 73, 72, 71. 290: D Ecob, 75, 68, 74, 73; C Tickner, 73, 74, 70, 73; Lu Chien Soon (Taiwan), 69, 71, 76, 74. 291: L Stephen, 72, 74, 74, 71; D Graham, 72, 71, 73, 75; I Stanley, 72, 65, 74, 80. 292: J Senior, 77, 72, 69, 74; R Rafferty (GB), 73, 73, 71, 75; G J Brand (GB), 72, 69, 74, 77. 293: B Langer (WG), 74, 74, 74, 71; S Taylor, 72, 72, 79, 70; G Serhan, 75, 73, 73, 72; T Gale, 77, 72, 76, 68; P Fowler, 76, 71, 72, 74; S Torrance (GB), 75, 66, 76, 76. Other British scores: 298: R Lee, 71, 76, 75, 76; G Brand jun., 72, 77, 78, 71.



In a class of his own: Norman winning the Australian Masters by nine strokes yesterday

Dramatic strokes light up the day

From John Ballantine, San Diego

The third round of the San Diego Open, which is sponsored jointly by Andy Williams and the firm of Shearson Lehman Brothers, was distinguished by some of this season's most dramatic strokes.

David Edwards, the younger brother of the better known Danny, scored an 'albatross' two (called here a double-eagle) at the 499-yard 18th in his 65. He used two drivers and with the second, from the grass of the fairway, he holed out from 241 yards. As it was hit over water, the shot recalled the most famous stroke of all time, Gene Sarazen's two at the long 15th at Augusta in 1935.

David Frost, the 27-year-old Cape Town professional who played in Europe in 1983 and in 1984 when he won the Cannes Open, used a seven-iron to hole out from 149 yards for an eagle two at the 404-yard fifth. Frost, the reigning South African Open Champion, scored a record 29 on his outward nine and finished with 65. He had a similar score, he said, over nine holes in Johannesburg three years ago.

Finally, it was left to Ray Floyd, the reigning US Open Champion, who ended the day as the joint leader with J C Snead, the 45-year-old nephew of the legendary 'Slamming Sam,' to show what raw power can do. Floyd played the four long holes on the south course at Torrey Pines in five under par; he had three birdies and an eagle three at the 18th. He hit a four-iron over the guarding pond.

"I've never had a double eagle," Floyd explained later. "The most memorable stroke I ever hit was when I was 14 and playing with my mum in a mixed foursomes at our club in North Carolina. I took her drive and I holed out for an eagle with a three-wood."

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: 199: R Floyd, 65, 68, 66; J C Snead, 64, 69, 66. 201: D Edwards, 70, 66, 65, B Lohr, 66, 69, 66; L Clements, 70, 65, 66, B Wadkins, 68, 66, 67; L Hinkle, 64, 68, 69; G Burns, 63, 68, 70. 207: S Ballesteros (Sp), 69, 69, 69.

TENNIS

Smylie storms to final

Oklahoma City — A confident and assertive Elizabeth Smylie defeated Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist in the Virginia Slims tournament to reach her first final for more than two years (Barry Wood writes).

The match was interrupted for 15 minutes when the lights failed during a fierce storm, but Australian Mrs Smylie refused to let that disturb her momentum as she moved towards a 6-4, 6-4 victory. She will now play top seed Lori McNeil in the final.

Smylie served with authority and refused to be drawn from the baseline during many excellent rallies, escaping the consequences of Lindqvist's whiplash passes. The only time she was pressured was at three all in the second set when Lindqvist held two break points.

"I knew that if I retreated into my shell and played tentatively then she would just dominate the match," said Smylie. "The only way I was going to win it is if I were aggressive and attack at every chance."

RESULTS: Semi-finals: E Smylie (Aus) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 7-6, 6-2.

RACKETS

Brothers lose to Male and Owen-Brown

By William Stephens

James Male and Rupert Owen-Browne won the Celestion Amateur Doubles Championship at Queen's Club yesterday, beating the brothers, Mark and Paul Nicholls, by four sets to three.

In the semi-finals, on Saturday, Male and Owen-Browne decisively defeated the holders, William Boone and Randall Crawley, by winning four of the six sets played. In the other semi-final the Nicholls just beat John Prenn and Charles Hue Williams by four sets to three.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J S Male and R Owen-Browne bt W R Boon and R S Crawley, 10-15, 15-9, 15-9, 15-0, 3-15, 15-6; M W Nicholls and P C Nicholls bt J A N Prenn and C J Hue Williams, 15-12, 15-9, 16-13, 10-15, 14-18, 7-15, 15-11. Final: Male and Owen-Browne bt M W and P C Nicholls, 9-15, 15-12, 10-15, 10-15, 15-7, 15-11, 15-1.

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: Embassy World Indoor championship, Coatbridge. BBC2: Highlights, 7pm.

CYCLO-CROSS

Douce in sweet treble

Steve Douce retained his British Open Cyclo-Cross title at Sutton Park, Birmingham, yesterday by 38 seconds from David Baker.

Douce took the lead on the second lap of the 15 mile course, then crashed. Theamateur international, Baker, then seized his chance, but the defending champion was soon back in control to gain his third consecutive title, and his fourth in five years.

RESULTS: 1, S Douce (T-Shirt Sales-Dauphin), 1hr 11min 17sec; 2, D Baker (Paragon RT), 1:11:55. 3, T Gould (Ace RT), 1:13:23. Junior (10 miles): I Wright (VC Lincoln), 52min 46sec.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dismal run continues for Trinity

By Keith Macklin

Only one result in the weekend's Silk Cut Challenge Cup ties could be termed a surprise, albeit not a major one. Wakefield Trinity, without a win in the first division, were beaten 25-2 at home by Whitehaven, Cumbrian second division promotion seekers.

Whitehaven led 2-0 at half-time through a penalty goal from Lofthouse, and in the second half they scored four tries against a demoralised Trinity, Lofthouse getting one of them and completing four goals.

St Helens emerge clear favourites for the trophy after going to Oldham and defeating the conquerors of Wigan 24-14. Although Oldham led 8-6 at one stage, they found the handicap of playing one man short too much for them. Sanderson was sent off in the first half, and Oldham could not hold on against some brilliantly attacking rugby by Saints, for whom McCormack and Holding scored fine individual tries.

Leeds, Halifax and the two Hull clubs went through without difficulty. Leeds beat Borrow 26-7 with Australian McGaw getting two tries, and Halifax beat the second division leaders, Hunslet, 29-10, again with an Australian, Eadie, scoring two tries.

In the 42-4 demolition of Keighley by Hull Kingston Rovers, Roe of Keighley and Watkinson of Rovers were sent off. There will be one replay. Widnes and Bradford Northern drawing 6-6 in a typically hard-fought cup tie at Odsal. Leigh were made to struggle by Carlisle before winning 16-4.

In an important first division championship game Gill scored two tries in Wigan's 16-6 victory over Castleford.

SILK CUT CUP: Second round: (Saturday): Oldham 14, St Helens 24. (Yesterday): Bradford Northern 6, Widnes 6; Halifax 29, Hunslet 10; Hull KR 42, Keighley 4; Leeds 28, Barrow 7; Leigh 18, Carlisle 8; Mansfield 7, Hull 38; Wakefield 2, Whitehaven 25.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Salford 28, Featherstone 16; Wigan 16, Castleford 6. Second division: Batley 10, Blackpool 18; Fulham 24, Bramley 20; Rochdale 10, Dewsbury 12; Workington 20, Runcorn 5; York 10, Swinton 15.

HOCKEY

Holders march on with emphatic win

By Sydney Friskin

East Grinstead	1
Southgate	3

Southgate renewed their hopes of winning the Hockey Association Cup for the third successive year by defeating East Grinstead in the second round yesterday.

It was an emphatic win for the champions and their score would have been enlarged if Ian Taylor, in the East Grinstead goal, had not made a number of spectacular saves, particularly at short corners.

He began his heroic display by saving a penalty stroke from Western. A crowd of a little over 300 might have expected East Grinstead to put up a fight, but they appeared to have lost their momentum by employing Richard Leman in a defensive role.

Southgate dominated both periods of play and in the second half forced nine short corners out of the total of 13. It took a splendid piece of opportunism on the part of van Asselt to send the home side into the interval on level terms at 1-1, Dodds having earlier scored for Southgate from a short corner in the tenth minute.

Ten minutes into the second half Southgate were ahead again with Kerly pouncing on a chance in typical fashion after Taylor had saved from Dodds at a short corner. East Grinstead's hopes were extinguished 10 minutes later when Thomas scored for Southgate after Richard Leman had saved on the line from Dodds at another short corner.

Southgate continued to dictate terms until two minutes before the end when East Grinstead had a chance to score from a short corner. Van Asselt worked the ball cleverly to Richard Leman whose shot unfortunately went astray.

EAST GRINSTEAD: I Taylor; M Thompson, G Mott (sub: N Hayes), S Cole, D Mansell, P Head, R Leman, G Lee, J Leman, B van Asselt, H Lacey (Sub: C Johns).
SOUTHGATE: D Owen; M Spray, R Dodds, C Picken, P Boxall, J Shaw, A Western, S Batchelor, P Moulton, S Kerly, D Thomas.
Umpires: S Woodward and R Perry (Southern Counties).

SKIING

Zurbriggen prevails

Todtnau (Reuter) — The world champion, Pirmin Zurbriggen, won his third consecutive World Cup giant slalom with an aggregate time of 2min 38.95sec at this West German venue yesterday. The Swiss, aged 24, the winner of two gold medals at the recent world championships, swept down the course to seize victory from Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg.

The win was Zurbriggen's seventh of the season and his third in succession in the giant slalom.

RESULTS: Giant slalom: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2min 38.95sec; 2, M Girardelli (Lux), 2:39.16; 3, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:39.27; 4, R Erlacher (It), 2:39.88; 5, A Tomba (It), 2:40.01; 6, R Pramotton (It), 2:40.39; 7, J Gaspoz (Switz), 2:40.75; 8, I Stenmark (Swe), 2:40.84; 9, H Meyer (Austria), 2:40.85; 10, H Pieren (Switz), 2:40.90; 11, H Strolz (Austria), 2:41.17; 12, M Eder (WG), 2:41.20; 13, H Stuffer (WG), 2:41.46; 14, G Hinterseer (Austria), 2:41.49; 15, T Czizman (Yug), 2:41.86.

WORLD CUP: 1, Zurbriggen, 274pts; 2, Wasmeier, 174; 3, Gaspoz, 145; 4, Stenmark, 134; 5, Pramotton, 118; 6, Girardelli, 96.

● FLUEHLI IM ENTLEBUCH: Corinne Schmidhauser, of Switzerland, won the women's World Cup slalom yesterday. The victory was Miss Schmidhauser's second of the season in the slalom.

RESULTS: 1, C Schmidhauser (Switz), 1min 31.58sec; 2, M Moisenhofer (Austria), 1:31.59; 3, E Hess (Switz), 1:31.92; 4, R Steiner (Austria), 1:31.95; 5, C von Gruenigen (Switz), 1:32.16; 6, B Oertli (Switz), 1:32.42; 7, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 1:32.80; 8, C Nilsson (Swe), 1:32.90; 9, C Strobl (Austria), 1:33.22; 10, M Mogore (Fr), 1:33.29; 11, K Buder (Austria), 1:33.57; 12, A Wachter (Austria), 1:34.09; 13, C Kinsholer (Neth), 1:34.29; 14, A Gapp (Austria), 1:34.56; 15, H Lazak (WG), 1:34.58.
OVERALL: 1, T McKinney (US), 99pts; 2, Schmidhauser, 97; 3, E Hess, 85; 4, V Schneider (Switz), 84; 5, Oertli, 77; 6, Steiner, 70.
WORLD CUP: 1, Schneider, 230pts; 2, M Walliser (Switz), 229; 3, Oertli, 174; 4, Hess, 136; 5, Svet, 126; 6, McKinney, 119.

CRICKET

Binny's efforts are wasted by slow batting from India

From Richard Streeton, Calcutta

Pakistan must bat with greater consistency than they have shown so far in the series if they are to win the struggle that faces them to save the second Test match here with India. Remarkable swing bowling by Roger Binny turned the match completely on Saturday as he wrecked Pakistan's first innings, and he struck again last night as Pakistan went in again with 15 minutes left.

After gaining a first-innings lead of 174 runs, India went on to leave Pakistan a victory target of 356 in 285 minutes and 20 overs. In Binny's second over, Shoaib Mohammad was trapped leg-before half-forward, and the 80,000 crowd erupted with joy. Saleem Yousuf came in as nightwatchman and Pakistan were 16 for one at the close.

The pitch has noticeably deteriorated and the ball has swung after tea in the heat haze-cum-smog. Binny has taken full advantage, although it is a moot point whether Kapil Dev has left long enough for India to dismiss Pakistan a second time.

Irrespective of whether India can win, they have a new hero. Binny, the first Anglo-Indian to play for India, took four wickets in 30 balls for nine runs after tea on Saturday, moving the new ball both ways. It brought some distinction to a day which had been abysmally slow.

Ramiz Raja and Rizwan-uz-Zaman made no attempt to score and by tea four hours had yielded 99 runs from 54 overs. The rest of the day belonged to India. From 178 for two, Pakistan were reduced to 215 for seven and Binny finished with six for 56.

Binny, whose grandmother was Scottish, has played in 25 Tests during the past seven years. He took five wickets at Leeds last summer, but has never previously had quite such an impact on a Test match. With his undefeated 52, Binny's latest comeback is story-book material.

India needed quick second innings runs but Srikkanth was leg-before in the eighth over when Imran changed ends. Just as Saleem Yousuf had queried the umpire's decision an hour earlier, so did Srikkanth, both verbally and with gestures. This behaviour incites the crowd, whatever the rights and wrongs of the decision. Some fruit was thrown towards Mr Reporter, the umpire, though the situation was never too inflammatory.

After lunch, Amarnath lifted Wasim Akram over square-leg for six, but the batsmen never scored freely against Akram and Tauseef Ahmed, as India fired the ball at the leg stump, with inner and outer rings. The tempo was so slow that the crowd barracked the Indian dressing-room.

When Tauseef finally bowled Amarnath with a ball that turned and kept low, 25 overs had produced 63. Vengsarkar stepped up the scoring a little, but India's progress was too slow for their own interests.

INDIA: First innings 403

Second innings

K Srikkanth lbw b Imran	21
Arun Lal c Akram b Imran	70
M Amarnath b Tauseef	31
D B Vengsarkar not out	41
Extras (b 4, lb 12, nb 2)	18
Total (3 wkts dec)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-160, 3-181.
BOWLING: Imran 7.1-0-28-2; Akram 18-4-45-0; Tauseef 18-2-50-1; Qadir 2-0-8-0; Jaffer 7-0-32-0.

PAKISTAN: First innings

Shoaib Mohammad run out	24
Ramiz Raja c sub b Shastri	69
Rizwan-uz-Zaman b Kapil Dev	60
Javed Miandad c More b Binny	17
Salim Malik lbw b Binny	0
*Imran Khan c Kapil Dev b Binny	1
†Saleem Yousuf lbw Kapil Dev	33
Wasim Akram b Binny	1
Abdul Qadir b Binny	2
Tauseef Ahmed c Vengsarkar b Binny	0
Saleem Jaffer not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 13)	22
Total (108.1 overs)	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-136, 3-178, 4-178, 5-191, 6-195, 7-207, 8-215, 9-229, 10-229.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 29-5-68-2; Binny 25.1-8-56-6; Maninder Singh 20.1-11-21-0; Shastri 20.5-9-78-1; Kulkarni 13-1-38-0.

Second innings

Ramiz Raja not out	7
Shoaib Mohammad lbw b Binny	5
Saleem Yousuf not out	4
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	16

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 2-0-8-0; Binny 2-0-8-1.

Stirling to rescue for Kiwis

Hamilton (Reuter) — An eighth-wicket partnership of 139 between Ervin McSweeney and Derek Stirling rescued the President's XI on the first day of their three-day match against West Indies yesterday.

McSweeney, the wicketkeeper, hit 76 and Stirling, the fast bowler, 75 to take the home side from a shaky 93 for seven to 232 for eight. Ken Rutherford and Jeff Crowe, two players for the first Test, starting in Wellington on Friday, were among the failures against the West Indian fast attack. But once the tourists relaxed their grip with off-spinners Clyde Butts and Carl Hooper, Stirling struck four sixes before the innings folded at 257.

Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes were immediately into their stride to hit a quickfire 49 in five overs before Haynes was dismissed off the last ball of the day.

PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings

P A Horne c Holding b Gray	3
R H Vance c Logie b Butts	12
*J J Crowe c Holding b Gray	2
K R Rutherford b Holding	23
A H Jones c Walsh b Holding	7
†P R Webb c Greenidge b Butts	26
V R Brown c Hooper b Walsh	13
†E B McSweeney c Greenidge b Gomes	76
D A Stirling c Butts b Gomes	75
W Watson c sub b Gomes	6
D Morrison run out	0
Extras (b 7, nb 7)	14
Total	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-9, 3-28, 4-50, 5-51, 6-81, 7-93, 8-232, 9-253, 10-257.
BOWLING: Walsh 14-6-22-1; Gray 17-6-39-2; Holding 24-5-69-2; Butts 26-7-78-2; Hooper 4-0-34-0; Gomes 4.2-0-8-3.

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge not out	57
D L Haynes c McSweeney b Stirling	11
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	49

FALL OF WICKET: 1-49.
BOWLING: Stirling 3-0-31-1; Morrison 2-0-17-0.

Atherton is given top award

By a Correspondent

A century opening partnership by Mark Ramprakash and Michael Atherton, the captain, failed to save Young England from defeat with four balls to spare against Young Sri Lanka in the final one-day international yesterday.

Before a capacity 20,000 spectators in Moratuwa, Sri Lanka won the Ceypetco trophy, via a 2-1 margin. Atherton's consolation was a useful 48 and four for 44 to become the player of the series.

ENGLAND YOUNG CRICKETERS

M R Ramprakash c Madena b Mendis	57
*M A Atherton c De Mel b Mendis	48
P R Ward c Madena b Rajkumara	9
M W Alleyne lbw b Mendis	4
N Hussain c Mendis b Ranapunga	9
†M P Speight c De Mel b Madena	22
M A Crawley not out	15
M P Bicknell run out	24
A G J Fraser not out	5
Extras (lb 5, w 8)	13
Total (7 wkts, 45 overs)	210

M R Newton and S J Crown did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-119, 3-128, 4-130, 5-142, 6-168, 7-204.
BOWLING: Madena 9-2-46-1; Weerakkody 7-2-14-0; Priyantha 2-0-17-0; Rajkumara 9-0-38-1; De Silva 1-0-14-0; Hatarusinghe 2-0-20-0; Mendis 9-1-24-3; Ranapunga 6-0-34-1.

SRI LANKA YOUNG CRICKETERS

R Ratapakse c Speight b Newton	24
U C Hatarusinghe run out	46
V I De Mel st Speight b Atherton	15
S Ranapunga run out	53
Chamnda Mendes c Fraser b Atherton	29
R N Weerakkody st Speight b Atherton	0
C Rajkumara c Speight b Fraser	6
†R Kaluwitharana not out	20
Shamal De Silva c Alleyne b Atherton	2
*D R Madena not out	5
Extras (lb 4, w 9)	13
Total (8 wkts, 44.2 overs)	212

K G Priyantha did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-76, 3-110, 4-174, 5-174, 6-184, 7-188, 8-191.
BOWLING: Fraser 7-0-33-1; Brown 9-1-24-0; Bicknell 9-0-33-0; Newton 4-0-20-1; Atherton 9-0-44-4; Alleyne 4.2-0-27-0; Ramprakash 2-0-27-0.
Umpires: L Saverimutu and H Mendis.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey: US Olympic Invitational Indoor Grand Prix meet: Women: 1,500m walk: 1, M Torrelles, 6mn 01 16sec; 2, A Peel (Can), 6:02.04; 3, T Vall, 6:13.71; 5lhs: 1, G Torrance, 8.61; 2, M Ottey-Page (Jam), 8.66; 3, A Taylor-Hodgens, 8.68. 55m hurdles: 1, J Joyner-Kersee, 7.45; 2, L Martin, 7.55; 3, K Turner 7.65. Men: 55m hurdles: 1, L McRae, 6.64; 2, B Johnson (Can), 6.65; 3, C Lewis, 6.69.
TOKYO: Chime road-race: Women, 10km: 1, R Mota (Por), 31mn 35sec; 2, M Foy (Jap), 36:01; 3, R Wysocki (US), 36:31. 30km: 1, E Claugus (US), 1hr 50mn 24sec; 2, Wang Hong (Ch), 1:57.41; 3, C Takemoto (Jap), 1:59.15. Men, 30km: 1, H Kita (Jap), 1:31:14; 2, S Shimizu (Jap), 1:31:56; 3, T Taniguchi (Jap), 1:32.41.
SOFIA, Bulgaria: Indoor meeting: Women's 60m hurdles: 1, Y Donkova (Bul), 7.74sec (world record, subject to ratification).
LE TREMBLAY, France: Cross-country race (5km): 1, T Hutchings (GB), 29mn 4sec; 2, J Regalo (Por), 3sec behind; 3, P Arpin (Fr), 7sec; 4, T Pomiat (Fr), 12 sec; 5, G Hartmann (Austria), 21sec; 6, M Narrow (US), 28sec; 7, P Levasse (Fr), 35sec; 8, N Muir (GB), 39sec; 9, B Merande (Ken), 40sec; 10, J-L Prianon (Fr), 50sec.
RUISLIP: Airtrack Hillingdon Open (5mk): 1, P Tootell (Stretford), 22min 22sec; 2, K O'Connor (Watford), 23.23; 3, K Harrison (Stretford), 23.24. Teams: 1, Stretford, 27pts; 2, Haringey, 63; 3, Box Hill Racers, 94.
WOKINGHAM: Half-marathon: 1, R Treadwell (Surrey Beagles), 1hr 7mn 40sec (course record); 2, J Boyes (Bournemouth) 1.08.43; 3, E Cunningham (Belgrave H), 1.08.30. Women: 1, F Hall (Reading), 1.18.27; 2, K Wheatsnot (Bracknell), 1.19.20; 3, L Watson (London Olympiads), 1.19.31.
WIMBLEDON COMMON: Vets AC cross-country race (5mk): 1, T Ryan (North London), 25min 52sec; 2, M Crown (Blackheath) 27.15; 3, J McGilvray (Surrey Beagles) 27.22. Women: 1, B Ford (Ilford), 34min 07sec.
RICHMOND PARK: Inter-club cross-country race (6mk): 1, M O'Halloran (Hercules Wimbledon), 33min 21sec; 2, A Groom (Ranelagh Harriers), 33.13; 3, P Williams (H Wimbledon), 33.30. Teams: 1, Hercules Wimbledon, 76pts; 2, Thames Hare and Hounds 89; 3, Bank of England, 117.
PETERSHAM: Inter-club cross-country race (5.5mk): 1, P Barratt (Ealing and Southall), 19mn 15sec; 2, G Dwelly (Ealing and S) 19.30; 3, A Smith (Camberley) 19.32. Teams: 1, Ealing and Southall, 56pts; 2, Ranelagh H, 64; 3, Metaccanens, 173.
EDINBURGH: Carnethy Hill peak race (6m, 2,000ft): 1, M Patterson (Dark Peak FR) 48.47; 2, H Symonds (Ayrsdale) 49.23; 3, R Hepburn (Teviotdale) 49.51. Veterans: 1, J Shields (Clydesdale) 52.42. Women: 1, P Rotner (Edenburgh) 60.26. Teams: 1, Keswick, 19pts; 2 Carnethy, 53.

CRICKET

AUSTRALIA: One-day cup: Semi-finals (50 overs): In Adelaide: South Australia 222 for 7 (J Pyke 57, D Scott 51 no; M Hughes 4 for 34); Victoria 222 for 6 (P Young 51). Match tied. South Australia qualified on faster run-rate in preliminary rounds. In Perth: Western Australia 266 for 5 (G Wood 96 no, M Veletta 80). Tasmania 271 for 6 (49.3 overs: D Boon 80, R Worsley 80 no). Tasmania won by four wickets.

BADMINTON

NORTSEL: Belgian Grand Prix: Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Kusumawardani (Indo) bt M Hoogland (Neth), 7-11, 11-3, 12-10; A Van de Knaap (Neth) bt Yalan Tu (Ch), 11-6, 11-8. Final: Van de Knaap bt Kusumawardani, 11-2, 11-8. Doubles, semi-finals: S Kusumawardani and E Sulistianingsih (Indo) bt C Vigar and R Mackenzie (GB), 15-1, 15-10. G Gowers and G Gilks (GB) bt K Schmeder and K Schmidt (WG), 15-11, 15-7. Final: Gowers and Gilks bt Kusumawardani and Sulistianingsih, 15-3, 15-3. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: J P Nierhoff and M Kjeldsen (Den) bt S Pamungkas and Aryono (Indo), 15-5, 15-10; P Buch and N Shaby (Den) bt Gunawan and S Bambang (Indo), 15-7, 15-10. Final: Nierhoff and Kjeldsen bt Buch and Shaby, 15-3, 17-15. Men's singles: M Frost (Den) bt J-P Nierhoff (Den), 15-11, 15-11. Mixed doubles: M Dew and G Gilks (GB) bt A Goode and F Skott (GB), 18-14, 18-14.

BASKETBALL

STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY: British Universities championships: Scottish Universities 94, Northern Ireland Universities 92. UAU 99, Scottish Universities B 66. Cambridge University 99, University of Wales 83. Oxford University 104, London University 73.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Saturday: Detroit Pistons 125, Philadelphia 76ers 107. Chicago Bulls 112, New York Knicks 108. Dallas Mavericks 138, Los Angeles Clippers 107. Milwaukee Bucks 116, Houston Rockets 101. Denver Nuggets 129, Indiana Pacers 113; Utah Jazz 106, San Antonio Spurs 95; Sacramento Kings 136, Washington Bullets 111; Golden State Warriors 105, Atlanta Hawks 95.
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham Heartbeat 86 92 (Hays 38, Harris 18, Shoulders 8), HFS Portsmouth 98 (Cunningham 22, Moore 20, Dawes 18); Homespare Bolton and Bury 87 (Crosby 31, Kettles 23, Jordan 11), Alphapanz Royals 95 (Hale 31, Knuckles 28, Keenan 10), Cheltenham Spitfire Explorers 77 (Elkins 22, Bower 15, Bell 10). BCP London 78 (Thompson 24, Roberts 20, Kellybrane 12), BPCC Rams Derby 85 (Ellis 27, Sewell 23), Happy Easter Bracknell Pirates 92 (Rivers 32, Andrews 20), Polycell Kingston 100 (Clark 27, Bontrager 24, Davis 14), Leicester City Riders 101 (Vaughan 39, Young 32, O'Shea 14), Sunderland 100 (Saunders 45, McCray 20, Taylor 14), Birmingham Heartbeat 86 98 (Hays 27, Shoulders 27, Branch 17). Second division: Plymouth 100, Cleveland 119, Tower Hamlets 92, Swindon 70; Walsall 120 Colchester 114.
WOMEN'S CUP FINAL: BCP London 53, Northampton 51.
WOMEN'S FIRST DIVISION: Derby 62, Nottingham 83, Sheffield 75, Stockport 66; Northampton 95, YMCA 81. (Northampton win league).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Saturday: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, Vancouver Canucks 3 (tie); Detroit Red Wings 5, New Jersey Devils 1; Buffalo Sabres 5, New York Islanders 1; Montreal Canadiens 5, Winnipeg Jets 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Boston Bruins 4; Calgary Flames 3, Minnesota North Stars 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, St Louis Blues 2; Los Angeles Kings 5, Hartford Whalers 2.

BOBSLEIGHING

LAKE PLACID, United States: World Cup: Two-man event, second heat: 1, M Roy and J Herberich (US), 2min 01.77sec; 2, M Tore and D Armstrong (GB), 2:02.35; 3, B Rushlaw and H Hoye (US), 2:02.72; 4, Robert Horeath and Ron Horvath (US), 2:03.25; 5=, A Fischer and C Lawgee (WG); and J Cogar and R Sumser (US), 2:03.52; 7, N Phipps and P Caarns (GB), 2:03.53; 8, D Lawrence and E Harrington (US), 2:04.41; 9, G Haydenluck and L Guss (Can), 2:04.77; 10, E Zanurakand G Henderson (US), 2:05.08.

BIATHLON

LAKE PLACID, United States: World championships: Men's 10km: 1, F-P Roessch (EG), 30min 43.06sec; 2, M Jaegn (EG), 30:43.80; 3, A Sehmisch (EG), 30:55.40; 4, D Vasciel (USSR), 30:59.60. 5, V Medvetsev (USSR), 31:31 10; 6, Y Kashkarov (USSR), 31:36.10; 7, V Vladchkin (Bul), 31:36.40. 8, P Schuler (Austria), 31:38.10, 9, M Wenzel (Swe), 31.49 10; 10, S Zlatev (Bul), 31:53.80.

BOWLS

PRUDENTIAL LIBERTY TROPHY: Semi-finals: (At Erewash, Nottingham): Northumberland 100, Norfolk 142 (At Victory, Portsmouth): Somerset 88, Middlesex 133.

BOXING

RENO, Nevada: WBA Junior Heavyweight title (15 rounds): E Holyfield (US, defender) bt H Tillman (US), rsc, 7th rd.
LUCERNE, Italy: WBC Junior Heavyweight title (12 rounds): F Damiani (It) bt E Gregg (US), rsc, 1st rd.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashton 9, Heaton Mersey 13; Cheadle 7, Mellor 6. O Hulmians 9, O Waconians 7; Sale 13, Urmston 12; Stockport 21, D Stockportians 5.
BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hillcroft 9, Hampstead 9.

NORDIC SKIING

OBERSDORFF, West Germany: World championships: 1, M Albarello (It), 43mn 01.8sec; 2, W Wassberg (Swe), 43:09.5; 3, Devilaarun (USSR), 43.09.6, 4, P Mikkelsplass (Nor), 43.12.4; 5, V Smirnov (USSR), 43.24.6, 6, V Ulvang (Nor), 43.29 5, 7, G Vanzetta (It), 43:38.2; 8, A Bazyuk (USSR), 43.41.2; 9, J Lukkarinen (Fin), 43:52.1, 10, V Burlakov (USSR), 43.54.2. British placings: 39, J Spotswood, 47 05.6, 59, P Winterton, 50:01.3; 70, A Wells, 51:54.1; 71, R Howden, 51.57.5. Men's 30km pts-jump: 1, A Felder (Austria), 216pts; 2, V Ogaev (Nor), 208.3; 3, E Vezton (Austria), 207; 4, M Zupan (Yug), 206.5, 5, T Klauser (WG), 204.5; 6, M Arnold (EG), 203.4, 7, P Suora (Fin), 203.4, 8, P Rohwen (WG), 203.6, 9, J Parma (Cz), 200.2, 10, T Nipuli (Fin), 199.4.

RUGBY UNION

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Mansfield 0, Players 20; Melton 0, Newark 17.
WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Barkers Butts 15, Solihull 3.

HOCKEY

LIEVIN, France: European Cup indoor championships: Qualifying tournament: Switzerland 7, Denmark 4. Spain 4, Netherlands 6. France 3, Ireland 3; Scotland 9, Switzerland 4; Spain 9, Ireland 4; France 13, Netherlands 3. Final positions: 1, France, 9pts, 22 goal-difference; 2, Spain, 9, 16; 3, Scotland, 8, 15; 4, Ireland, 8, 14; 5, Netherlands, 5, 9; 6, Switzerland, 3, 7; 7, Denmark, 0, no diff. France, Spain and Scotland qualified.
COUNTY MATCH: Nottinghamshire 3 Lincolnshire 3; Under-21: Derbyshire 1 Northamptonshire 2; Nottinghamshire 2 Lincolnshire 1.
WILSON LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 5, Chesterfield 0; Coventry and North Warwicks 5, Reddich 1, Derby 3, Khalsa 1; Harborne 6, Wombourne 1, Dilton and West Warwicks 5, Stone 2; Pickwick 1, Leicester Westleigh 2; South Nottingham 3, Stevenage 0; Staurport 2, Cannock 2; Derby D South Nottingham 2; Wombourne 4 Coventry 4.
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier Division: Guildford 0, Southgate 2; Reading 5, Blackheath 0. League: Hounslow 5, Purley 1; London University 2, Dulwich 1; Slough 9, Weybridge Hawks

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle



Fighting for recognition: Simon Ngubane Still On Strike (Ch4, 10.55pm) looks at the growing black trade unions in South Africa

Shining light on dark secrets

● Wildlife programmes at least offer a welcome respite from talking heads; at best demonstrate that landscape photography and television are not as incompatible as television drama seems to believe. **Wildlife on One** (BBC1, 8pm) needs more than its usual ingenuity because it visits the absolute darkness of the vast limestone caves of Borneo where some of the inhabitants never venture into the light. Life is shown to be a marvel of economy. Everything is recycled: a dead bat is picked over by insects, a sick bat is devoured by a white serpent, even the bats' guano is made useful by the golden cockroaches. Strangest of all are the swiftlets that build their nests entirely from hardened spittle. These nests are the basis of a multi-million pound industry as they are used for bird's nest soup. They have no nutritional value and no natural flavour, only of whatever ingredients are added.

CHOICE

● **The Eleventh Hour: Simon Ngubane Still on Strike** (Ch4, 10.45pm) examines the role of black trade unions in South Africa with particular attention to the long strike caused by a British company's refusal to allow a union among its workers. The film, shot last year, describes the harassment and dangers faced by the union (two shop stewards have been killed), and looks at, for the first time on British television, the role of foreign multi-nationals and sanctions from a local union perspective.

Chris Petit

Peter Davalle writes: John Keay's Radio 3 series **Himalaya** (8pm), now in its fifth week, is an altogether worthy successor to his previous documentary series about French West Africa, *La Famille Africaine*. Keay specializes in the close scrutiny of broad canvasses. You feel he could tackle a history of the world in a dozen episodes without anything of significance escaping his gimlet gaze . . . Other radio highlights today: **Isaac Stern** playing the Prokofiev Violin Concerto No 1 with the San Francisco SO in a concert that also includes the Brahms No 1 (Radio 3, 9.00pm); a repeat of last Friday's Kaleidoscope feature on Villa-Lobos (Radio 4, 4.30pm); and Ian Holm begins his Book At Bedtime readings from Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* (Radio 4, 10.15pm).



Writer in recluse: Claire Bloom as the celebrated 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson, in The Belle of Amherst (ITV, 11pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate consumer complaints **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and the studio audience, discuss a topical subject **9.45** Parent Programme. Glasgow parents join their children in fun activities. **10.00** News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. **10.30** Play School. (r) **10.50** The Wombles. (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Dora Bryan with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Gardeners' World, from Spetchley Park, Worcester. (r) **11.35** Open Air. Includes news and weather at 12.00 **12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Max and Maria meet for dinner and the atmosphere turns chilly. **1.50** Hokey Cokey. (r) **2.05** The Onedin Line. Two of the emigrants on board James's ship bound for Canada are found to be suffering from smallpox. (r) **2.55** Music Match. Musical quiz presented by Barry Cryer. With Liza Goddard and Willie Rushton **3.25** Valerie. American domestic comedy series starring Valerie Harper. **3.50** Postman Pat. (r) **4.00** Captain Caveman. (r) **4.20** Jackanory. Nigel Havers reads The Baron Rides Out, by Adrian Mitchell. **4.30** The Mysterious Cities of Gold. Animated adventure serial. **4.55** John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter with Crufts' Supreme Champion, Junior Obedience Champion, and the Junior Agility Team; plus a model of the Globe Theatre a It was in Shakespeare's day (Ceefax) **5.35** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Wogan. Tonight's guest list includes Stuart Henry and his wife, Ollie, Alan Whicker, and Mike Harding. **7.35** The Golden Oldie Picture Show. Dave Lee Travis revives old pop favourites with up-to-date videos. (r) **8.00** Wildlife on One. A documentary about the cave swiftlets of Borneo, the birds responsible for the basis of birds' nest soup. Narrated by David Attenborough. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series starring Angela Thorne and Michael Elphick. (r) (Ceefax). **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Panorama: The Kinnock Alternative. Neil Kinnock is interviewed live by Sir Robin Day. **10.10** Film: The Baltimore Bullet (1980) starring James Coburn and Omar Sharif. Pool hustler Nick Casey seeks financial rewards for his skills rather than silverware and heads for New Orleans to challenge the legendary Deacon. But first he has to raise the $20,000 stake money. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller. **11.50** Weather.

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Maths - Symbols and Equations. **8.55** The Week in the Lords. (r) **9.30** Daytime on Two: to join a union, or not? **10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** Musical clocks **10.38** People who work at night **11.00** Eskimo women and the learning games they play with their children. (Ceefax) **11.22** English: science fiction. **11.45** Lost on the moors; and a Sikh girl born in Britain balances the two cultures **12.08** A portrait of the Mayor of Montemilone, a poor town in the south of Italy **12.40** Searching the self **1.05** Micro Live **1.30** Working in an hotel **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** Words and Pictures **2.15** Harnessing energy. **2.35** See Hear. (r) **3.00 News** and weather. **3.03** The Ascent of Man. Part seven. (r) **3.50 News**, regional news, and weather. **4.00** Pamela Armstrong. **4.35** Year of the French. February - the ski-ing gendarme. (r) **5.05** My Music. A lighthearted musical quiz set and presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden, and Ian Wallace. (r) **5.30** Did You See..? A revised repeat of yesterday's programme. **6.00** Film: Dark Alibi" (1946) starring Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan, this evening investigating what he thinks is a case of wrongful arrest. **7.00** World Bowls. Highlights of last week's Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship. **7.40** A Year with Fred. Mr Dibnah is given the task of demolishing a tower. **8.10** Horizon: Energy From Outer Space. Professor Thomas Gold, an astrophysicist, believes that deep beneath the earth's crust lie vast untapped sources of energy which came from outer space at the time of the formation of our planet. **9.00** A Small Problem. Part four of a comedy series set in a time when small people are banished to ghettos. (Ceefax) **9.30** Moonlighting. Another case for the Blue Moon Detective Agency. **10.20** Nozzers. The last of four films following the fortunes of an intake to HMS Raleigh, a Royal Navy training centre. **10.50 Newsnight 11.35 Weather.** **11.40** Telejournal. A newscast from the East German television station, DDR 1. **12.05** Open University: The Necessity for History. This programme argues that almost everything we do is influenced by the past, or what is believed about the past. Ends at **12.35.**

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6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.** **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anneka Rice and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35.** After Nine includes an item on babies' sleeping problems; and, at **9.25**, exercises with Lizzie Webb. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Schools: a film to stimulate creative work **9.47** How paper is made and some of its uses **9.59** Grace Hallworth with the story of Anansi's Secret **10.11** Natural history **10.28** How outside influences can affect a person's diet **10.45** First year German **11.07** Maths for children in reception classes **11.19** Alternative materials **11.41** How people use water and why they need it. **12.00** Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the tale of Drummer Hoff. (r) **12.10** Let's Pretend to the story of The Budgie. **12.30** A Woman's World. Part two examines the lives of three women farmers in Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Burkina Faso. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news. **1.30** Film: The Brave Don't Cry" (1952) starring John Gregson. Drama about miners trapped in a flooded Scottish coal pit. Directed by Philip Leacock. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial. **4.00** Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** How Dare You! With Carrie Gray, John Gorman, and Clive Webb **4.35** Roadrunner. **4.45** The Secret World of Polly Flint. The first in a series of adventures about a young girl and her secret world. Starring Katie Reynolds. (Oracle) **5.15** Connections. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of The Samantans' new video designed to help adolescents develop coping skills. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Wish You Were Here..? Judith Chalmers reports from Marrakesh; Anneka Rice is in Tahiti; and Chris Kelly visits Polperro in Cornwall. (Oracle) **7.30** Coronation Street. Gail Tilsley brings baby Sarah home to the Street. (Oracle) **8.00** The Brothers McGregor. Part one of a new series of the comedy about two half-brothers who run a second-hand car business in Liverpool. Starring Paul barber and Philip Whitchurch. (Oracle) **8.30** World in Action: Boys on the Blacklist. A documentary about how the jobs of thousands of people in Britain are threatened because their names are held on secret blacklists. **9.00** Rumpole of the Bailey. Horace is delighted when he has the chance of a appearing in a court martial in Germany. (Oracle) **10.00 News at Ten** and weather followed by Thames news headlines. **10.30** Being Happy is What Matters Most. A portrait of Summerhill in Suffolk, a boarding school where there are no compulsory lessons and no rules imposed by adults. **11.00** The Belle of Amherst. Claire Bloom stars in this one-woman drama based on the life and work of the American poet, Emily Dickinson. (r) **12.00** Hammer House of Horror: Rude Awakening. Denholm Elliott stars as a man plagued by nightmares that always end in murder. (r) **12.55** Night Thoughts.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Late Late Show. Dublin's late night music and chat show presented by Gay Byrne. **3.30** Irish Angle: Small Parties - Irish Election. Representatives of three major small parties in Ireland - Labour, the Workers' Party, and the Progressive Democrats - are asked if they would be willing to form a coalition government with either of the two main parties. Presented by Gordon Burns. **4.00** Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with Jimmy Murakami, the Japanese/American director of the animated anti-bomb film, Where the Wind Blows. **4.30** Countdown. The reigning champion is challenged by Jeananne Kidd from Glasgow. **5.00** Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who contrive to make life for their captors extremely uncomfortable. **5.30** The Abbott and Costello Show". Lou becomes a private detective and discovers a mystery on his own doorstep. **6.00** Back to the Roots. In part three of his series on the history of plants and our relationship with them Richard Mabey examines those claimed to have magical properties. (r) (Oracle) **6.30** Education Extra. Weekly magazine programme examining topical issues in the world of education. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Brookside. Sheila is persuaded by Matty to seek Annabelle's advice about his son Stephen. **8.30** Chateauvallon. Episode four and Gilbert Bossis abandons La Commanderie and takes up residence at the Hotel des Messageries. **9.30** Relative Strangers. Comedy series about a happy-go-lucky man who suddenly discovers a teenage son he never knew he had. **10.00** Hill Street Blues. A raw young officer who was the victim of sexual merriment at an off-duty police party hangs himself; and LaRue admits he was was with a beautiful woman the night her husband died. (Oracle) **10.55** The Eleventh Hour: Simon Ngubane Still on Strike. A documentary about the longest-running strike in South Africa's history - between the British multi-national British Tyre and Rubber Sarmcol in Mpophmeni and its black employees. (see Choice) **11.50** Their Lordships' House. Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at **12.05.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Russell Grant in Aberystwyth 11.50-12.30am Rugby Special 12.30-12.35 News of Wales SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Small Sea 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Our Jimmy 11.50-11.55 Northern Ireland News ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazine.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: When the Circus Came to Town 3.15-3.30 Cartoon 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Survival 10.30-11.00 Anglia Reports 12.00 Thur's Hollywood 12.30am Singing the Gospel. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.30pm Film: D-Day the Sixth of June 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.30 Jesse 11.30 Rockstar 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Never Too Young to Rock 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 10.30-11.00 Contrasts 12.00 Contact 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Home Cookery 1.35-3.30 Film: Stitch in Time" 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Horses for Courses 10.30 Sweeney 11.30 Hammer House of Horror 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Scramble! 2.00 Film: Gasbags" 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Scramble! 10.30 Under Fire 11.00 Film: Blind Terror 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Caper of the Golden Bulls 6.00-7.00 News 10.30 Extra Time 11.15 Quincy 1.00am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-9.45 It's in Wales 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30 Survival of the Fittest 11.00-12.45am Quincy.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00 Incredible Hulk 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Scotland's Story 10.30 Skag 11.20 Late Call 11.35 New Avengers 12.35am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Big Black Pill 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 10.32-11.00 Being Happy is What Matters Most 12.00 Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Home Cookery 1.35-3.30 Film: Stitch in Time" 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Horses for Courses 10.30 Sweeney 11.30 Hammer House of Horror 12.30am Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30 Film: Elephant Man" 3.20-3.30 Home Cookery 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Cross Wits 12.00 Family Conciliation. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30 Film: Botany Bay" 3.10 Cartoon 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30-7.00 Password 10.30-11.00 Kelly's People 12.00 Portrait of a Legend 12.25am News. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Doomsday Flight 3.20 Home Cookery 3.25 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Enterprise 10.30 Calendar Commentary 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Portrait of a Legend 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.10am Yagolion 11.50 Interval 12.15pm Film: Crack-Up" 1.30 Rob's Programme 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Late Late Show 3.35 As Good As New 4.05 Llanisu Dydd Llun 4.20 Foltron 4.45 Chwarter Call 5.00 Car 54. Where are You?" 5.30 World at War 6.30 Mews on 4 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Arolwg 8.00 Byd ar Bedwar 8.30 Dranoeth y Flair 9.00 Relative Strangers 9.30 Cheers 10.00 State of the Art 11.00 Chateauvallon 12.00 Closedown.



Powers from outer space? Professor Thomas Gold digs deep in search of vast energy resources at the Earth's core (BBC2, 8.10pm)



Strong arm of the law: Leo McKern gets to grips with a court martial in Rumpole and the Bright Seraphim (ITV, 9pm)

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long, with music on record and in session. **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Desks at **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only). **9.55** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton (Jazz on record) **10.00** Some of These Days (quiz game) **10.30** Star Sound (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 8.30) 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty Four Hours 7.30 Jude the Obscure 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Wind in the Willows 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Peebles' Choice 10.00 News 10.01 Not So Long Ago 10.30 The Alternative Proms 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Zoowalk — Berlin 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Quote, Unquote 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 Look What They've Done to my Song 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Steams on the Scent 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Not So Long Ago 3.45 Kings of Swing 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Computer World 4.30 Music for the Sun King 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Book Choice (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty Four Hours 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music for the Sun King 9.30 The Alternative Proms 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.38 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Computer World 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.38 Look What They've Done to My Song 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Short Story 1.45 Computer World 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Pierre Fournier (until 4.45) 4.45 The World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only) Introduction to Calculus **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert. Berlioz, Overture: Roman Carnival, Op 9 (Berlin PO under Lorin Maazel); Brahms: Ballades, Op 10 (Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, piano); Krommer, Octet-Partita in E flat, Op 79 (Nash Ensemble). **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (cont). Copland, Fanfare for the Common Man (Detroit SO under Anatal Dorati); Satie, Suite: La belle excentrique (Yuji Kehashi and Alain Planès, piano duet); Shausson, Soir de fête, Op 32 (Belgian Radio Orchestra under José Serebrier); Kreisler, La gitana; Cavatine; Toy soldier's march (Oscar Shumsky, violin, and Milton Kaye, piano); Grieg, Peer Gynt: Suite No 2 (ECO under Raymond Leppard). **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Dowland (1563-1625). Mefanchollke Humours. Mellancoly galliard; All ye whom love or fortune; Semper Dowlandsemper dolens; Would my conceit; Forlorne Hope Fancye; Go christall teares; Farwell fantasia. **9.50** Tippett, Lambert and Walton. Tippet's Concerto for double string orchestra (Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields, under Sir Neville Marriner); Lambert's Apparitions (excerpts) with the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden under Robert Irving; Walton's Improvisations on an Impromptu of Benjamin Britten (LSO under André Previn). **10.45** Scriabin and Ravel. Vittorio Bresciani (piano) plays Scriabin's Sonata No 4 and Sonata No 5, and Ravel's Oiseaux. **11.15** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Leif Segerstam, with Goran Sollscher (guitar). Leevi Madetoja, Kullervo (first UK performance); Rodrigo, Fantasia para un gentilhombre; Sibelius, Lemminkainen Legends, Op 22 (including interval reading at 12.00). **1.00** News **1.05** BBC Lunchtime Concert, direct from St John's, Smith Square. Melvyn Tan (fortepiano) plays Schubert's Drei Klavierstücke (D 946); Sonata in A minor (D 537). **2.00** Music Weekly, introduced by Michael Oliver. **2.45** New Records. G. B. Sammartini, Sinfonia in D (Ensemble 415); Boccherini, Quartetto No 6, in F minor (arrangement of String Quartet, Op 26 No 6); Cabezon, Tiento VII; Diferencais sobre la pavana italiana; Je fille quant diau me donne de quoy; Josquin des Prés, Motet: Usquequo, Domine, oblivisceris me; Charpentier, De profundis; Vivaldi, Quartet in C for wind instruments; Beethoven, Trio in E flat, Op 1 No 1, **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure. **6.55** News **7.00** Music for Organ, played by Norman Harper on the Schulze organ at Ellesmere College. Dupré, Five antiphons, Op 18; Reger, Benedictus; Vaughan Williams, Prelude and Fugue in C minor. **7.35** Mussorgsky. Songs and dances of death, with Michael George (baritone) and Graham Johnson (piano). **8.00** Himalaya. John Keay continues his series on the Asian frontier. **8.45** Music from India. Rag Mishra Piu, played by Ram Narayan (sarangi) and Charanjit Lal (tabla). **9.00** San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, under Herbert Blomstedt, with Isaac Stern (violin). Charles Wuorinen, The Golden Dance (first UK performance); Prokoviev, Violin Concerto No 1, in D, Op 19; Brahms, Symphony No 1, in C minor, Op 68 (includes interval reading at 9.50). **11.00** Fine Arts Quartet plays Mozart's String Quartet in D (K 575) and Bartok's String Quartet No 5. **11.57** News **12.00** Close

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Ian Skidmore explores the sound archives in search of the British Breakfast. **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Start the Week, with Richard Baker (s) **10.00** News; Money Box. Vincent Duggleby with listeners' questions about personal finance. **10.30** Morning Story. Mr Anders and the Pygmies, by Jill Norris. Unusual goings on as a touring company brings its production of Hamlet to a girls' school in Minnesota. **10.45** Daily Service, from St George's Parish Church, Belfast (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Bradford in West Yorkshire, a city born of the industrial revolution and birthplace of Delius and J. B. Priestly. **11.48** Poetry Please! Dannie Abse introduces a programme of listeners' requests. **12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer magazine with Susan Rae. **12.27** King Street Junior, starring Peter Davison. 7: Parents' Evening. A supply teacher provokes reactions in the staff room (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray. Andrea Adams looks at why women want to get rid of excess facial and body hair and how it can be done. Also a further episode from The Diary of a Good Neighbour. **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play. The Event of the Season, by Perry Pontac. Cast includes Geraldine McEwan and Maureen Lipman. Nuclear war might have a disastrous effect on a society lady's garden party . . . (s) **4.30** Kaleidoscope. Soul of Brazil, Portrait of Brazilian composer Hietor Villa-Lobos, who was born 100 years ago. **5.00** PM News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** The Six O'clock News. Financial report **6.30** The News Quiz, with Barry Took in the chair (s) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Inside Job. An intimate view of working life in Lancashire. (2) Peter Smith listens to the experience of the teachers. **7.45** Science Now. A weekly review of discoveries and developments from the world's leading laboratories., presented by Georgina Ferry. **8.15** The Monday Play. Flutes, by Maurice Leitch. With Derek Halligan. Personalities and politics clash as a world championship flute band from a run-down part of Ulster go on a concert tour of Toronto (s) **9.45** Kaleidoscope. Includes reviews of More Light at the Bush Theatre, the film Castaway and the Mervyn Peak exhibition at the Royal Festival Hall. **10.15** A Book at Bedtime. Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert in 15 episodes (1) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping **VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55am-6.00** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools **11.50** See For Yourself **1.55pm-3.00** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University **11.30** Pope's Essay on Man **11.50** Before Jane Austen **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night Time Broadcasting: Voix de France — French VI 1: La France des Affaires (1)



FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m; VHF-92-95; **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m; VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

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Debut for Adams beckons as Wright is injured

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

One member of the England squad, Neil Webb, was yesterday withdrawn from the international against Spain in Madrid on Wednesday night and another, Mark Wright, is rated extremely doubtful. Webb suffered an overnight reaction to a knee that he bruised on Saturday and Wright failed to respond to treatment for a pulled hamstring. A final decision on Wright will be made at lunchtime today.

The absence of Webb, cruel as it is for him, is relatively insignificant from the point of view of the team. Although he could "hardly believe that my knee has swollen up so badly like this when I was looking forward to getting my international career going", he was unlikely to have started in Spain even as a substitute.

But the probable loss of Wright may herald the dawn of a new defensive partnership that could become the centre of England's security if they reach the finals of the European championship. Bobby Robson may now feel that the time and place is right to introduce the uncapped Adams into the international arena.

Adams has already appeared for the under-21 side on five occasions and he is young enough to have been selected for the juniors, who will play in Burgos on Wednesday afternoon. But his consistently outstanding performances for Arsenal this season have persuaded Robson to promote him ahead of schedule.

England's manager was at White Hart Lane to see Wright suffer further misfortune at the ground where, during last season's FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool, he broke a leg. The injury was to rule him out of contention for a place in the World Cup finals in Mexico.

For the last 10 minutes of the 2-0 defeat by Tottenham Hotspur, Wright was reduced to a role of acting as "a nuisance in midfield", as described by Chris Nicholl, Southampton's manager, who had already used his sustitute. Yet Wright had earlier been anything but convincing.

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Clive Allen's acceleration over five yards is not as explosive as that of Butragueno, Spain's centre forward, for instance. But it was too sharp for Wright on several occasions and particularly during a first half that was notably uncomfortable for Southampton's defender.

Another of Southampton's internationals, Clarke, was pulled out of Northern Ireland's game against Israel. He and McNally, similarly the victim of an ankle injury, have been replaced by Quinn, of Swindon Town, and Doherty, of Linfield, who won his only other cap against the same opponents.

The withdrawal of Phillips from the Welsh party threatens to prolong the argument about whether clubs should make their players available for their country. Mike England, the Wales manager, who has also lost another midfield player in Jackett, is for the motion. Coventry City are against it.

Although Phillips is fit, Coventry are not prepared to take the risk of his being injured in the match against the Soviet Union at Swansea. They are already certain to be without Emerson and McGrath, both of whom are suspended, during Saturday's FA Cup fifth-round tie at Stoke City.

England was so infuriated that he contacted the Football Association and the Professional Footballers' Association in an attempt to reverse Coventry's decision. Gordon Taylor, the PFA's secretary, offered him sympathy but added that "I'm not sure there is much I can do".

Scotland's lone doubt for the European championship tie against the Republic of Ireland concerns Narey. Although he played on Saturday, he is still feeling the effects of influenza and has been advised to stay away from the team hotel. McCoist has been summoned to replace the injured Sharp.



Three men in a boat: Stewart, Matheson and Macdonald seeking togetherness on the Tideway (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Hackney decision disturbs Morris

By John Goodbody

John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, yesterday condemned the decision of Hackney Borough Council to outlaw professional boxing.

Morris regretted that Hackney had not consulted the Board before becoming the first local authority in Britain to ban the sport. No show will be licensed on council property in the London borough, home of some of the country's most famous fighters including Dennis Andries, the world light-heavyweight champion, who last month was given a civic reception.

The council has issued a statement saying that although they are "sympathetic" to boxers in the area, any pride in the performances "cannot blind us to the dangers of the sport."

Morris said: "I am upset that people who profess to be left-wing make a decision without democratically considering all the evidence. We would have welcomed a discussion between representatives of the council and our medical officials."

The Council decided last week that the ban should take immediate effect because of the "overwhelming evidence" that the sport has serious medical risks. Curiously, amateur boxing — there are six clubs in the borough — will be permitted to continue using council premises.

Morris said: "Boxing is a working man's sport. The Council is taking away their right to earn money and also their own dignity. The Council is also now expressing the views of the majority of people in Hackney. It is not being true to its mandate."

There are two venues which have been used for professional shows. Shoreditch Town Hall has not been used during the 1980s but has recently been refurbished and there were hopes to stage bouts there again. Britannia Leisure Centre, which holds 1500 spectators, has been used for Frank Warren's shows.

Morris does not think Brent will follow Hackney's lead and refuse to license professional boxing at Wembley, Britain's most famous arena.

Oxford's lips are sealed

By Jim Railton

Fears of a further Oxford Boat Race mutiny surfaced yesterday as the crew were ordered not to talk to the Press after disparaging remarks by oarsmen and coaches appeared in *Cherwell*, the Oxford University student newspaper.

Hugh Matheson, the coach, forbade the crew to give interviews to the Press, which presumably includes himself and Dan Topolski, the chief coach, who are rowing correspondents for leading newspapers.

Oxford's lack of harmony off the water was aggravated by misfortune on it. During yesterday's practice Gavin Stewart felt ill and was not able to pull his weight. Matheson, who has not, fortunately, barred himself from talking as one member of the Press to another, was in the boat as substitute and told me: "I have stepped into rough top crews before but there is always oomph and sharpness in the catch as the oar meets the water. That at times is missing in the Oxford crew".

I am beginning to wonder if the Oxford crew will find peace of mind and body after the walkout of the top Americans. There are still ramblings behind the scenes and within the crew and the Boat Race is less than six weeks away.

Over the weekend they took on London University. While it was by no means a St Valentine's Day massacre in short racing pieces on Saturday, London's purples were the racier crew and finished on top.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY CREW: : H M Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church), bow, P A Glah (Dartmouth, US and Oriel), T A D Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College) *D M H Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), **H P Matheson (Eton and Keble), G B Stewart (Bournemouth School and Wadham), R Hall (Wymondham College and Oriel), P Gleeson (St Marm's, Brentford and Hertford), stroke, A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol), cox.

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**Substitute

Polish officials deny entry to two English players

By Sydney Friskin

Two English hockey players have been refused visas by the Polish Embassy in London, which will prevent them taking part in an European indoor championship qualifying tournament in Torun this weekend. The action jeopardizes English participation in the event. During a training weekend at Swindon on Saturday the England team took a unanimous decision to withdraw from the event if the entire team were not admitted to Poland.

It is understood that the Polish Government are denying entry to the players because of their occupations: Halliday works for the Metropolitan Police and Giles is employed by the Ministry of Defence.

John Bail, the England team manager, said: "The Polish Embassy have not given a definite reason and they are not bound to give one. But we are assuming that it is because one player works for the police and the other for the Ministry of Defence."

A spokesman for the Hockey Association who has been dealing with the Polish Embassy said: "They have not said categorically that they are refusing to grant visas to the players concerned but have stated that their might be some difficulty because of their occupation."

If negotiations break down, the Hockey Association should request the international governing body to cancel the event in Poland and give it to another country. There is sufficient time for the qualifying tournament to be completed before January of next year, when the finals will take in Vienna.

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"The matter is now in the hands of the Foreign Office and the Hockey Association, who have informed the international hockey federation (FIH)," Bail said. "I am hoping that the problem will be solved quickly. On principle we feel that if our full team is not accepted we shall not go at all. We admitted both the Polish and Russian teams to the World Cup in London last October without question."

Similar difficulties could arise later this year should the Soviet Union object to the composition of any of the 12 teams taking part in the European outdoor championships, which in Moscow on August 30. The case is not unprecedented. In 1982 the Indian Government informed West Germany that a few of their players would not be welcome at the World Cup tournament in Bombay because of their sporting links with South Africa. The impasse was resolved when the FIH president, the late Rene Frank, threatened to move the event out of India. The entire West German team was granted permission to enter India.

Phil Appleyard, the president of the Hockey Association, disagrees with the decision taken by the England team. He said yesterday: "It is unfortunate that we have been caught up in Polish bureaucracy. I don't think this is a sinister attempt on their part to weaken our team. I feel, however, that we should go ahead even if we have to take 10 players instead of 12. I think the team has taken the wrong decision. I understand their feelings."

Mountjoy is back on target

Doug Mountjoy, badly in need of world ranking points, earned at least one more yesterday as he reached the last 16 of the Dulux British snooker open at Derby. Mountjoy, the Welsh champion, defeated South Africa's Peter Francisco 5-3. Francisco is one of several players threatening to deprive him of his top 16 ranking next season.

Aged 44, Mountjoy is ranked 14th, but has slipped to 20th on the provisional list for 1987/88. He believes four more ranking points are needed to hold onto his place in the top 16 and an improvement in form augurs well for the former United Kingdom champion.

Two days earlier Mountjoy regained the Welsh championship in Newport, his confidence boosted by a 5-2 victory over Steve Davis, the world No. 1, in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley.

RESULTS: Fourth round: C Wilson (Wales) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-4 (Wilson first: 36-49, 24-71, 60-9, 49-74, 67-49, 7-80, 54-40, 51-50, 73-3). D Mountjoy (Wales) bt P Francisco (SA), 5-3 (Mountjoy first: 23-49, 67-65, 85-31, 69-25, 37-90, 14-77, 76-43, 68-23).

England's best meet in final

By Gordon Allan

The final of the Embassy world indoor championship at Coatbridge yesterday brought together England's two most famous players. At the interval it was two sets all. David Bryant, preferring short jacks, won the first and fourth 7-0 and 7-3; Tony Allcock, the defending champion, preferring long jacks, took the second and third 7-6 and 7-3.

Bryant soon wrapped up the first set, with the help of a four. Allcock, with a series of splits and trails, took the next two sets, despite losing a four in the second. There were few bowls more than two feet from the jack, which made the match a pleasure for the connoiseur.

The Scottish connection was severed in the semi-finals on Saturday. Bryant beat Hugh Duff 7-1, 7-0, 4-7, 5-7, 7-4 and Allcock beat Ian Bruce 7-2, 2-7, 7-1, 7-0.

The Bryant-Duff match brought back memories of young Nigel Smith beating Bryant in the 1984 semi-finals, in the good old days of the 21-up format. But although Duff, like Smith, made a stirring recovery, he failed to turn it into victory. He led 3-0 in the fifth set, and saved a match point at 6-3 by drawing within an inch when Bryant had four woods concealing the jack.

But on the next end Duff fell short three times, and once again Bryant had shown that when it comes to peering into the abyss and keeping his nerve, there is none like him. 24 hours earlier Jim Muir had led Bryant by two sets and lost. Duff, two sets down, squared the match. The result was the same.

The scores in the other semi-final tell a plain tale of Bruce, after struggling gamely to save his ship, being swept overboard. Allcock won the third and fourth sets in a total of six ends. But Bruce, who has been dropped by Scotland for the international series in Aberdeen, his home city, next month, has delivered a sort of rebuke to the selectors by getting to the semi-finals unheralded. As a banker he is sure to put his prize money of £3,000 to sensible use.

RESULTS: Saturday: Semi-finals: A Allcock (Eng) bt I Bruce (Scot), 7-2, 2-7, 7-1, 7-0; D Bryant (Eng) beat H Duff (Scot) 7-1, 7-0, 4-7, 5-7, 7-4.

Coe is outpaced

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Peter Tootell and Karl Harrison did not give Sebastian Coe sufficient time to fit into his latest role as an aspiring 5,000 metres runner. The Stretford AC colleagues took turns in forcing the pace in the Hillingdon, West London five miles road race yesterday afternoon, and had Coe hanging on in the lead group at the half-way mark.

Harrison had taken the initiative by three miles and Coe was dropped. A mile later only Kevin O'Connor of Watford Harriers could stay with the Stretford pair, and he managed to split them in a sprint finish. Harrison said afterwards that he knew he had not got sufficient lead to negate his colleague's sprint finish, and Tootell duly won in 23min 22sec. O'Connor was a second behind, and Harrison third by the same margin. Coe finished eighth in 23min 43sec.

Coe said: "I was pleased with that on an undulating course and against some of the best distance runners in the country. You can't get that sort of pace in training, and this is the sort of outing I need if I'm going to run a decent 5,000 metres this summer."

Kinch left out of world team

Beverley Kinch has been left out of the team for the World Indoor Championships in Indianapolis on March 6-8 (Pat Butcher writes). Miss Kinch, the British and Commonwealth 60 metres record-holder, withdrew from next weekend's European indoor championships at the behest of her coach.

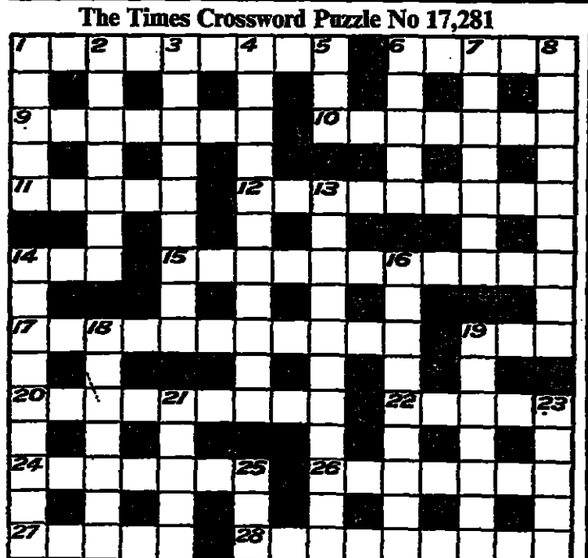
But with reference to Miss Kinch's 11th-hour withdrawal from the Olympic Games in Los Angeles a statement from the selectors yesterday read: "Since she appears to be injured, there is considerable concern, especially since there was a similar situation prior to Los Angeles."

Court wrangle delays return

Barry McGuigan's return to the ring will almost certainly not take place until after the legal proceedings initiated by him against his estranged manager, B J Eastwood, are completed. The action, to be heard in the Northern Ireland High Court, is expected to take place in late April or early May.

It was widely reported last week that McGuigan, the former World Boxing Association featherweight champion, would make his comeback on March 25 on a Frank Warren promotion in London.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,281



ACROSS

1 Get set to see such plays (9).
6 Girl in charge? This law would forbid it (5).
9 Garment for an adult, not a ruddy infant! (7).
10 Everybody in favour of air transport (7).
11 Covering of fur perhaps one's seen on this animal (5).
12 Yacht-club chief having lost gold in the first place is put out (9).
14 Cain's land of sleep? (3).
15 Conjuring display by a French saint tomorrow (11).
17 Ill-fated report of transit of a heavenly body (4-7).
19 Partly consumed food the French nobleman rejected (3).
20 A little wait, we hear, after the professional agenda (9).
22 How Thespians respond to the stimulus of an encore? (5).
24 Journalist provided one church building (7).
26 Down-trodden character used to clean shoes (7).
27 Bondsman set free by Irene (5).
28 Gipsy gentleman takes any railway entering the capital (6,3).

DOWN

1 Subject to Bobby taking one in (5).
2 Wycliffe's man seen to sprawl over a road (7).
3 So virulent an attack by three in civil disturbance (9).
4 Curry — it isn't cooked first here in the house (7-4).
5 Does so skilled a hand have fish fingers? (3).
6 Meals organized in Witchville, Mass. (5).
7 Like the overtures made by boy to girl (7).
8 Anxious to be involved (9).
13 Church heads its modern form — ecumenical (11).
14 Part of a helmet that's not acquainted only with war, it's said (4-5).
16 Cover for my retirement, could it be, I wondered? (9).
18 This harp in the wind section? (7).
19 One of two delightful girls Macbeath could be happy with (7).
21 Eau de Cologne, namely? (5).
23 In article it appeared this used to decimate the crop (5).
25 Some use a receiver of audio-frequencies (3).

Concise Crossword, page 10

WEATHER

General Situation: A ridge of high pressure will dominate the weather in most places. In E and NE Scotland and the Northern Isles there will be some sunshine but more snow showers, some of them heavy. W Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and much of England will be dry and fairly sunny, but early on there will be some patchy fog and here and there it could stay foggy and frosty all day. In E and NE England there may be a few snow showers as well. Outlook for the next 48 hours: Dry, bright and cold but fog and frost night and morning.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	14	57	Malaga	f	16	61
Akrotiri	s	20	68	Malta			
Alex'dria	s	20	68	Melb'rne	s	28	82
Algiers	r	13	55	Mexico C*	s	20	68
Amst'dm	c	4	39	Miami*	s	24	75
Athens	f	17	63	Milan	r	5	41
Bahrain	s	20	68	Montreal*			
Barbados*	s	28	82	-	s	20	-4
Barcelna	f	11	52	Moscow	c	-3	21
Beirut	s	20	68	Munich	d	2	36
Belgrade	c	10	50	Nairobi	s	29	84
Bermuda*	c	17	63	Naples	f	17	63
Biarritz	r	9	48	N Delhi	s	22	72
Borde'x	c	7	45	N York*			
Brussels	c	5	41	Nice	c	13	55
Budapst	f	5	41	Oslo	sn	0	32
B Aires*	f			Paris	fg	1	34
Cairo	f	23	73	Peking	s	1	34
Cape Tn	c	24	75	Perth	s	29	84
C'blanca	c	17	63	Prague	c	2	36
Chicago*	c	6	43	Reykjvk	f	-3	27
Ch'church	r	13	55	Rhodes	c	17	63
Cologne	c	6	43	Rio de J	c	26	79
C'penhgn	sn	0	32	Rio de J	s	27	81
Corfu	s	20	68	Riyadh	s	23	73
Dublin	c	5	41	Rome	f	15	59
Dubrovnik	c	18	64	Salzburg	c	5	41
Faro	f	16	61	S F'isco*	r	14	57
Florence	r	14	57	Santiago*	s	31	88
Frankfurt	f	4	39	S Paulo*	c	23	73
Funchal	s	17	63	Seoul	f	4	39
Geneva	s	6	41	Sing'por			
Gibraltar	c	16	61	St'kholm	d	0	32
Helsinki	c	-3	27	Strasb'rg	f	6	43
Hong K	c	21	70	Sydney	s	26	79
Innsbruck	c	7	45	Tangier	c	15	59
Istanbul	s	16	61	Tel Aviv	s	19	66
Jeddah	s	31	88	Tenerife	s	20	68
Jo'burg*	s	24	75	Tokyo	c	6	43
Karachi	s	25	77	Toronto*	-	s	13	9
L Palmas	c	18	64	Tunis	r	12	54
Le Tquet	c	3	37	Valencia	f	12	54
Lisbon	d	15	59	Vanc'ver	c	9	48
Locarno	r	4	39	Venice	r	10	50
L Angels*	c	15	59	Vienna	f	7	45
Luxembg	c	2	36	Warsaw	c	6	43
Madrid	f	10	50	Wash'ton*			
Majorca	s	13	55	Wel'nton	r	13	55
				Zurich	c	4	39

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

Some of these figures are repeated from Friday.

These are Saturday's figures.
*Figures not available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	*				
Bridlington	5.2	.06	6	43	bright
Cromer	-	.05	4	39	shower
Lowestoft	-	.02	4	39	shower
Clacton	-	.21	4	39	rain
Southend	-	.34	4	39	rain
Margate	-	.20	4	39	rain
Folkestone	-	.54	4	39	rain
Hastings	-	.58	4	39	rain
Eastbourne	-	.47	4	39	rain
Worthing	0.5	.33	5	41	cloudy
Littlehmptn	-	.37	5	41	cloudy
Bognor R	1.9	.34	5	41	bright
Southsea	1.7	.30	7	45	sunny
Sandown	2.2	.35	6	43	bright
Shanklin	1.6	.36	5	41	rain
Bournemth	2.4	.38	6	43	bright
Poole	2.5	.41	7	45	cloudy
Swanage	2.8	-	7	45	sunny
Weymouth	5.1	.22	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	5.0	.19	6	43	sunny
Torquay	6.2	.20	8	48	sunny
Falmouth	*	.09	8	48	bright
Penzance	7.5	.30	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.1	.02	11	52	sunny
Jersey	-	.15	6	43	cloudy
Guernsey	1.1	.09	7	45	cloudy
Hawarden	8.7	.03	9	48	sunny
Blackpool	*	-	7	45	sunny
Blnkhead	2.9	.12	7	45	bright
B'pool Airpt	5.7	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	2.8	-	6	43	bright
Douglas	7.0	-	5	41	bright
B'ham Airpt	0.2	.06	4	39	snow
Bristol (Cltf)	1.4	.19	6	43	bright
Carlisle	1.4	.01	5	41	bright
London	-	.39	5	41	rain
Manchester	0.4	.01	5	41	shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	2.9	.07	5	41	bright
Nottingham	0.9	.11	4	39	shower
Anglesey	8.5	-	7	45	shower
Cardiff (Cbf)	3.7	.17	7	45	bright
Cwhyrn Bay	*	-	6	43	sunny
Tenby	8.8	.05	8	46	sunny
Aberdeen	8.1	-	4	39	sunny
Edinburgh	6.9	.01	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	2.4	.01	5	41	bright
Glasgow	7.8	.01	7	45	hail
Ystalyn	4.1	.02	4	39	sunny
Lerwick	2.0	.09	1	34	snow
Prestwick	6.3	-	7	45	sunny
Stornoway	4.7	-	5	41	bright
Tiree	5.1	.17	7	45	hail
Wick	3.5	.07	3	37	snow
Belfast	8.4	-	5	41	sunny

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.22	7.0	3.45	7.1
Aberdeen	2.51	4.1	2.49	4.3
Avonmouth	8.43	13.0	9.03	12.8
Belfast	12.18	3.0	12.35	3.5
Cardiff	8.28	11.9	8.48	11.8
Devonport	7.16	5.4	7.36	5.2
Dover	12.18	6.5	12.27	6.3
Falmouth	6.48	5.2	7.06	5.0
Glasgow	2.32	4.2	2.14	4.8
Harwich	1.14	3.8	1.35	3.8
Holyhead	11.51	5.5	–	–
Hull	7.54	7.2	7.59	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.30	9.0	7.49	8.9
Leith	4.04	5.3	4.18	5.4
Liverpool	12.35	9.0	12.49	9.2
Lowestoft	11.19	2.2	11.09	2.5
Margate	1.24	4.7	1.49	4.6
Milford Haven	7.47	6.9	8.05	6.7
Newquay	6.37	6.9	6.56	6.8
Oban	7.07	4.0	7.36	3.8
Penzance	6.16	5.5	6.37	5.3
Portland	8.19	2.1	9.00	1.9
Portsmouth	12.47	4.4	12.56	4.3
Shoreham	12.34	6.1	12.43	6.0
Southampton	12.21	4.5	12.23	4.4
Swansea	7.52	9.2	8.09	9.1
Tees	5.11	5.1	5.13	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	1.06	4.0	1.28	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28084ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.35	19.25
Belgium Fr	61	57.50
Canada $	2.12	2.02
Denmark Kr	10.92	10.32
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	9.61	9.11
Germany Dm	2.91	2.75
Greece Dr	228	208
Hong Kong $	12.15	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.094	1.034
Italy Lire	2070	1950
Japan Yen	248	232
Netherlands Gld	3.265	3.085
Norway Kr	11.09	10.49
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	3.90	3.30
Spain Pta	202.25	192.25
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.75
Switzerland Fr	2.46	2.32
USA $	1.58	1.51
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	850

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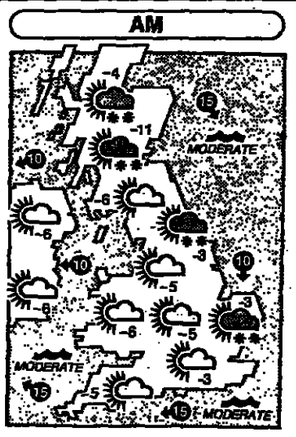
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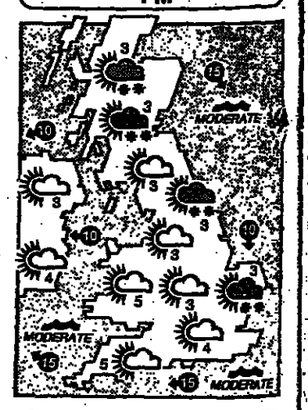
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.47 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol 5.56 pm to 6.51 am
Edinburgh 5.48 pm to 7.05 am
Manchester 5.50 pm to 6.55 am
Penzance 6.11 pm to 7.00 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	4	39	Guernsey	r	4	39
B'ringham	f	5	41	Inverness	c	-3	27
Blackpool	c	3	37	Jersey	r	4	39
Bristol	c	3	37	London	c	6	43
Cardiff	r	4	39	M'chester	c	4	39
Edinburgh	sn	1	34	Newcastle	c	5	41
Glasgow	f	1	34	R'nldsway	s	5	41

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am,1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 75 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.2 hrs. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,015.3 millibars, rising.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.39 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,001.1 millibars, rising.
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

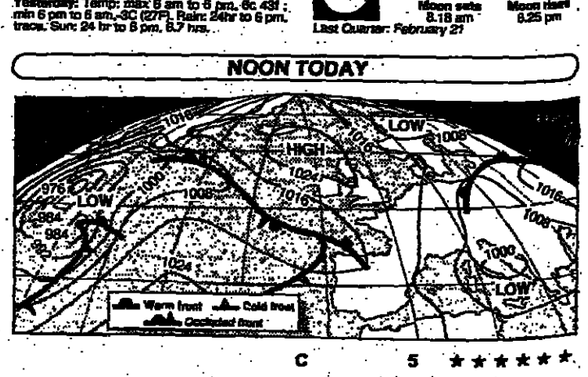
Saturday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Hastings .58 in; highest sunshine: Tenby 8.8 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6c 43f; min 6 pm to 6 am,-3C (27F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.7 hrs.

Sun rises: 7.14 am
Sun sets: 5.17 pm
Moon sets 8.18 am
Moon rises 8.25 pm
Last Quarter: February 27

NOON TODAY



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